

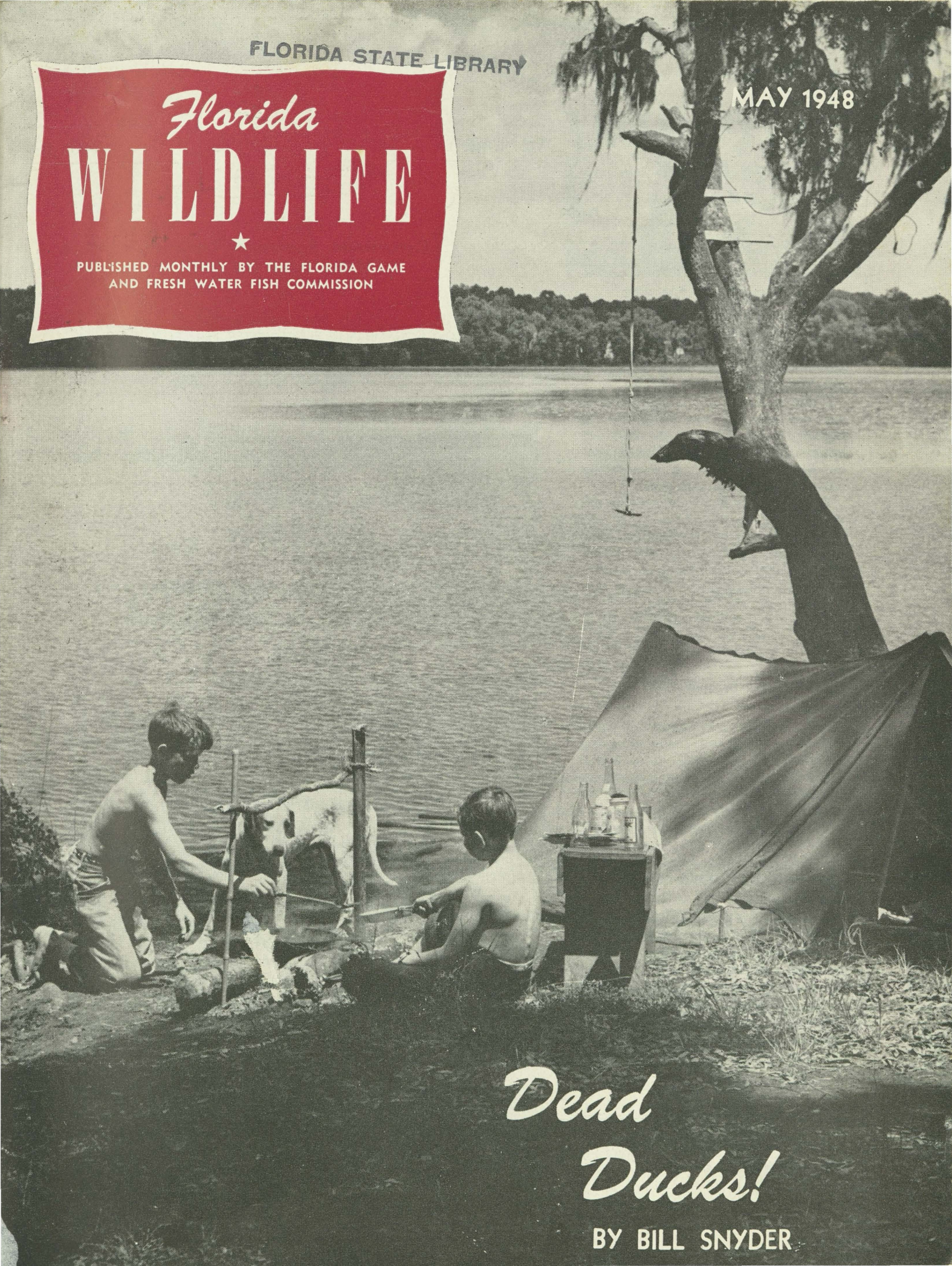
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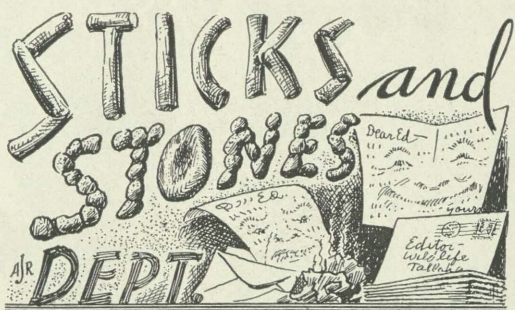


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Dead Ducks!

BY BILL SNYDER



EDITORIAL HITS THE SPOT

Dear Sir:

The April issue of FLORIDA WILDLIFE just came in, and I want to extend my personal commendation on the nice job that was done.

I also want to congratulate you on your editorial, "A New Definition for Conservation." This hits the spot and brings out an important factor in conservation which is not only preservation, but restoration and wise use.

Florida is fortunate in having the fine leadership and alert sportsmen who are working together through the Florida Wildlife Federation to help maintain one of Florida's greatest assets—its outdoor opportunities.

Michael Hudoba,
Associate Editor,
SPORTS AFIELD
MAGAZINE

ONE OF THE BEST

Dear Sir:

... you are to be complimented on FLORIDA WILDLIFE, a very attractive and interesting magazine. It is one of the best of the conservation publications we have seen.

Hugo G. Autz, Editor,
THE SPORTING GOODS
DEALER, St. Louis

ANOTHER FLORIDA CONVERT

Dear Sir:

I have had a lot of pleasure reading FLORIDA WILDLIFE while spending my first very enjoyable winter in Florida and would like to have it sent to me in Michigan this summer.

Your climate is wonderful and your fishing the best ever. I hope your conservation program will KEEP good fishing and hunting for many generations to come.

E. P. Phelps,
Niles, Michigan

The Cover

Flapjacks and Freedom; a boy's ideal vacation.

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Charles H. Anderson

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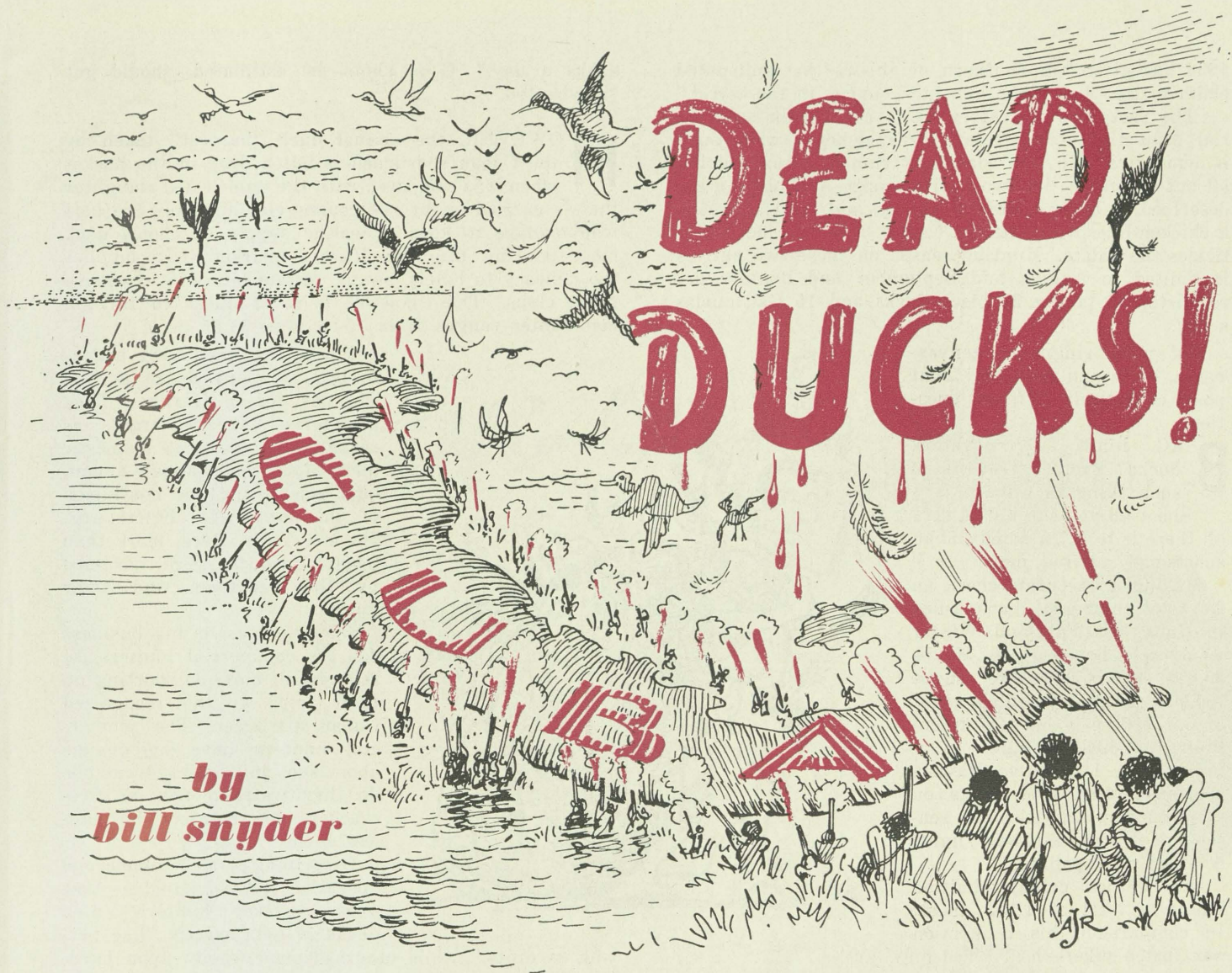
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AMERICA'S present system of migratory bird protection is similar in many respects to locking the stable door after your horse has been stolen.

Without doubt our present Federal laws setting a 30-day season and a daily four-duck bag limit is a strong padlock on the front door of our national wild duck storeroom—but a high percentage of the web-footed stock is escaping annually through an unguarded opening on the south side and flying away to almost certain suicide in Cuba!

During recent months, many Florida nimrods who know Cuban hunting methods have become downright irked and disgusted over the legal slaughter of thousands of the same birds that America has so drastically attempted to protect within recent years.

It is understandable that stories about a single Cuban hunter bagging more than 1,100 ducks last season—or reports of more than 2,000 wild ducks being served at one sportsmen's banquet in Havana, resulted in ruffled

tempers—particularly in the cases of hunters who just finished an unsatisfactory Florida duck season.

Our hunters find it mighty hard to compensate for the fact that not the slightest effort is made to protect migratory ducks in Cuba.

"We start hunting them the first day they arrive and never stop until the last one is gone in the Spring," one of Havana's outstanding hunters told me. His statement is sad but true and accurately describes the Cuban migratory duck situation.

But let's study the cause and effect of the problem!

First of all, the cause can doubtlessly be charged to the fact that the Cuban government has never entered into a migratory bird treaty with America.

The effect of not having a workable treaty such as we made with Great Britain in 1916 and Mexico in

where have our ducks been going? according to the author, a goodly portion have been going to cuba---never to return.

FLORIDA WILDLIFE'S Associate Editor, Bill Snyder, spent several weeks assembling material for this article. His sources of information included Floridians who have hunted in Cuba and Cuban hunters themselves. Some of his most startling facts came from a four-hour interview with one of the island's most prominent sportsmen.—ED.

1936 has given our southern neighbors the undisputed claim to the "best duck hunting country in the world."

The fact that migratory birds could gain substantial protection under treaty arrangements with Cuba is demonstrated by the island government actually going all out to protect its two native ducks—the black duck, described as being miserable eating, and the Galtinuela, a chicken-like, white-meated Cuban duck that definitely tickles the palate. Hunting season on these two natives is limited to August and September and hunters are restricted to taking 25 black ducks and 15 Galtinuelas a day.

But teals, ringnecks, canvas-backs, coots and mallards! That poses an entirely different question.

BAG limit on migratory ducks? Brother, there is no such thing in Cuba.

"Shoot all you can kill—that's all there is to it," a noted Cuban sportsman advised me.

Making an accurate check on the total number of ducks killed in Cuba last Fall and Winter would be a hopeless job. Maybe 65,000, maybe 100,000, maybe 150,000 was the long-range guess of one of the island's most enthusiastic duck hunters.

However, I met two Havana sportsmen who kept books on their hunting activities last season and the results was slightly short of appalling.

One of them calmly admitted killing a total of 1,132 ducks. In comparison, his companion was just a piker—he'd killed only 800!

One of the choicest duck hunting clubs we heard of is maintained by 25 Havana millionaire sportsmen in the city of Trinidad, 180 miles southeast of the Cuban Capitol. The members reach their duck heaven in 1½ hours flying time.

It really isn't a club, one of the members told me. However the millionaires employ two men to arrange the blinds for them and also to scatter oats on the water to attract the ducks to the club area. He expressed amazement when we told him that the practice of baiting water for ducks is illegal in America.

He explained that all members of the club, however, lived up to the ethics of good sportsmanship. They refuse to shoot sitting ducks. Instead, they toss lighted firecrackers amongst the ducks and scare them into the air before opening fire!

An ammunition record kept by one of the club members last season sounded like the bookkeeping in an arsenal. He bought 15,000 shotgun shells at the beginning of the season and his stock had dwindled to a mere 1,700 before he fired his final shot last February. To face cold facts, this hunter fired exactly 13,300 rounds of ammunition and admitted killing "something like 800 ducks and 3,200 and some odd doves."

This total is perhaps a little high for the average Cuban huntsman—but not as high as you might imagine. I received a convincing estimate from a highly-reputable hunter who said: "a medium shooter will kill 35 to 40

ducks a day." Good shots, he estimated, should get "maybe 100."

HOWEVER, the annual duck "harvest" taken by the Cuban sportsmen is but a drop in the bucket when it is compared with the unmolested slaughter that is carried on by the commercial hunters—the lads who manage to keep a healthy supply of choice duck meat pouring into the Havana market that supplies the delicacy to hotels, swank restaurants and expensive night clubs. The wholesale price of ducks in Havana last winter ranged from 75-cents to \$1.25 each.

It's an extremely easy matter to buy as many ducks as you can pay for in Havana. They are served at restaurants as casually as we serve domestic duck. Last year during a banquet celebrating the conclusion of the annual St. Petersburg-Havana Yacht Race, more than 2,000 wild ducks were consumed by the yachtmen and their guests.

Duck business is big business for the commercial hunters, so they aren't quite as sporting on their trips as the recognized Cuban sportsmen. The commercial hunters have no qualms about shooting sitting ducks nor do they waste money on firecrackers to frighten the hapless birds.

Describing the commercial operation, a Cuban told us that many market hunters catch ducks in nets exactly "like net-

ting sardines," while others depend wholly upon hard-shooting shotguns.

Last winter many Florida hunters complained that the ducks "disappeared" during January. It appears that at least a percentage of these vanishing ducks make a luckless trip to Cuba.

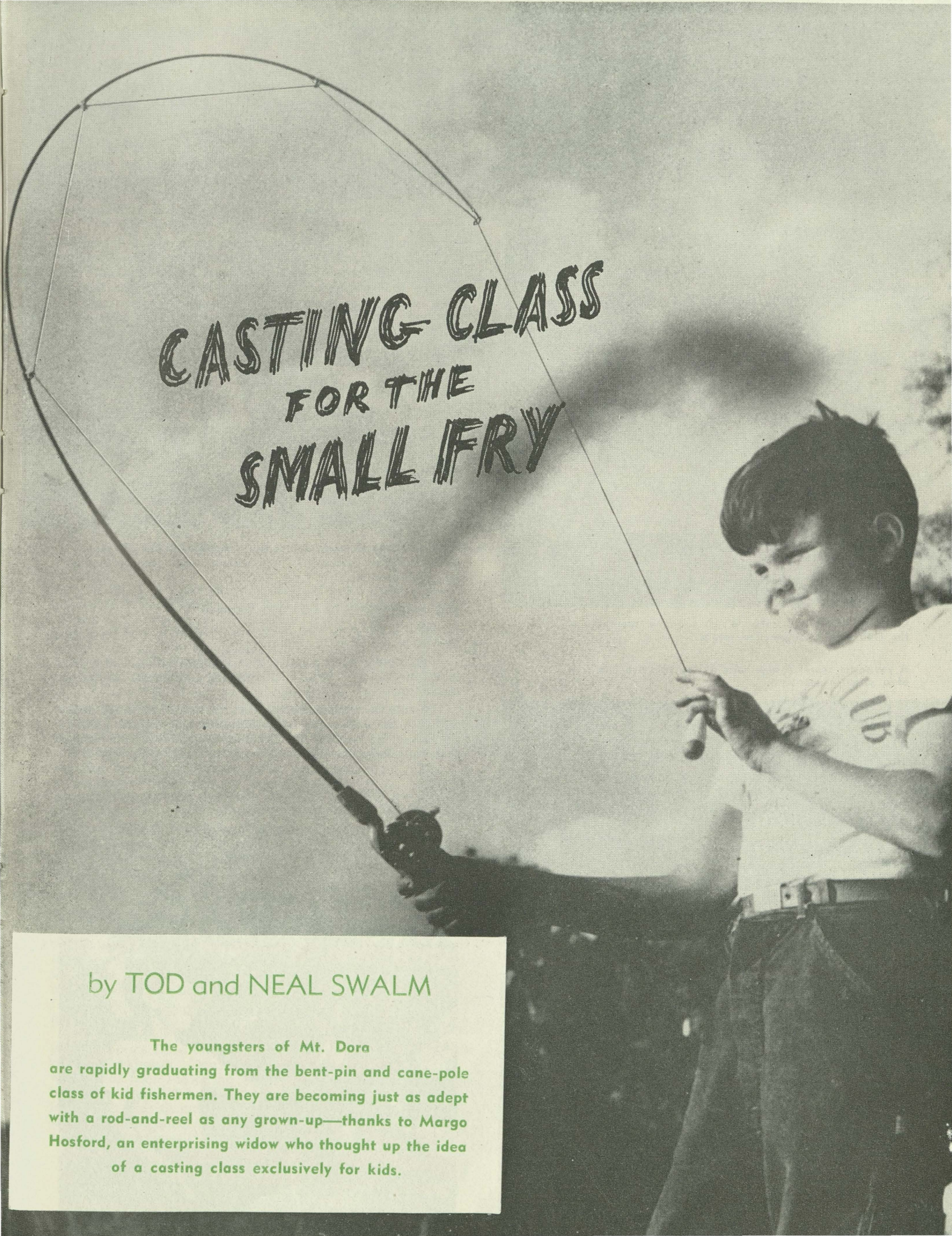
Records at the St. Marks Game Refuge disclose that a December count of 6,500 ringnecks dwindled in two weeks to 1,500; on November 14 there were 23,000 coots at the refuge, but only 1,700 were accounted for on December 1; and a count of 5,200 scaups on November 21, changed to 600 on January 1. No one is qualified to say where the missing ducks went—but it is reasonable to believe that many of them headed to Cuba—and almost certain death. Or was it merely strange coincidence that gave Cubans their very best duck hunting at exactly the same time that the St. Marks duck population was the very lowest?

Duck food was scarce in Cuba last winter, a millionaire sugar and cattleman explained, and the ducks left Cuba for several weeks in November and headed out for better feeding grounds. Then, in December and January, when hunting dropped off in Florida, thousands of ducks returned to Cuba, the cattleman said.

"Brother, it was murder what we did to them when they came back," he told me proudly.



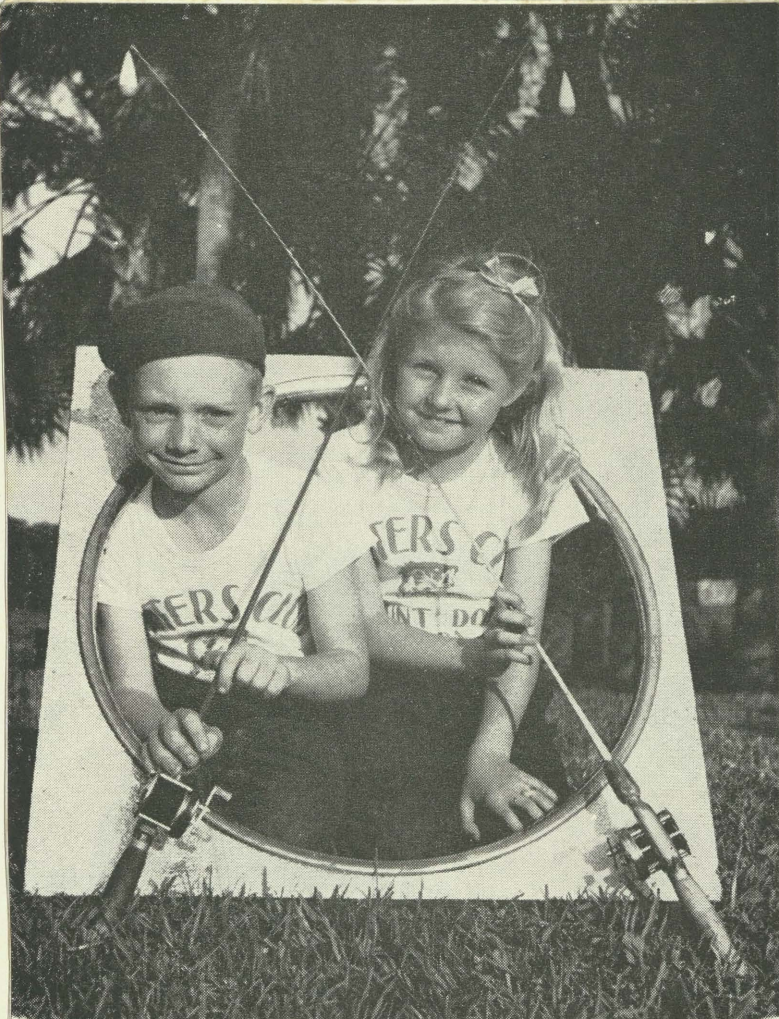
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CASTING CLASS FOR THE SMALL FRY

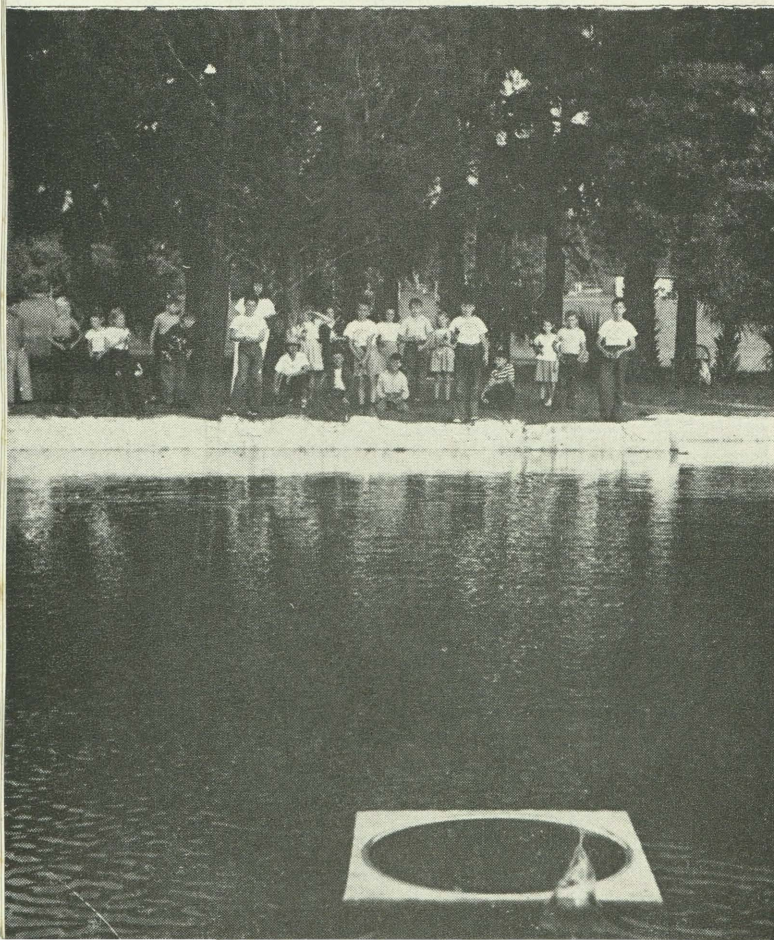
by TOD and NEAL SWALM

The youngsters of Mt. Dora are rapidly graduating from the bent-pin and cane-pole class of kid fishermen. They are becoming just as adept with a rod-and-reel as any grown-up—thanks to Margo Hosford, an enterprising widow who thought up the idea of a casting class exclusively for kids.



Clarence Simms and Patsy Wells, youngest members of the club pose in a practice target.

A youngster scores a near miss during this fish-eye view of a practice session.



THE group of sportsmen laughed indulgently when little Patsy Wells, 8½ picked up a fishing rod taller than herself, but their amusement quickly changed to envy when her first cast landed smack in the middle of the target 50 feet from shore.

Patsy's accurate cast was not just a lucky fluke. She gained her knowledge and training in the art of flinging a fishing lure through membership in a unique organization, the Mount Dora Casting Club, a civic project that might well be emulated in many other Florida communities "where the big bass bite" or the tarpon roil the waves.

At her tender age Patsy knows more about fishing—Florida's top sports "industry"—than 99 out of 100 adults who have to content themselves with bragging about the big one that got away. Along with some 40 other Mount Dora youngsters, Patsy is receiving valuable instruction that will stand her in good stead all through later life. Least expensive of all the sports hobbies, fishing is at the same time one of the most satisfying, especially in a state that officially boasts the greatest black bass fishing in the world.

Mount Dora's junior Isaac Waltons now are sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, but it was not always so. The club sprang into being one day last September when Margo Hosford, an attractive widow with a flair for fishing, noticed three boys walking down Mount Dora's main drag with fishing rods in their hands. As they walked, in the time-honored manner of youth, they made imaginary casts in the direction of passersby, fire hydrants or anything which caught their eye.

Now Mrs. Hosford's hobby of many years standing has been casting. Consequently, her reaction to the three boys' free-wheeling, side-arm, round-house casts was immediate and spontaneous.

"How," she asked them, "would you like to form a club and really learn to cast like experts?"

Their response was typically American: "Gee," they replied in one breath, "could we?"

They could, and did, with Mrs. Hosford—Margo to everybody in Mount Dora, including her youngest pupil—as instructor.

To say the club spawned rapidly would be much more accurate than dragging in mushrooms. Mount Dora is not the largest community in Lake County and word gets around fast, especially when propelled by the lusty lungs of small-

Alfred Rehbaum III, nine years old, demonstrates the "bit lip" casting technique.





Club members look on while Margo gives a bit of personalized instruction to Glenn Woodworth.

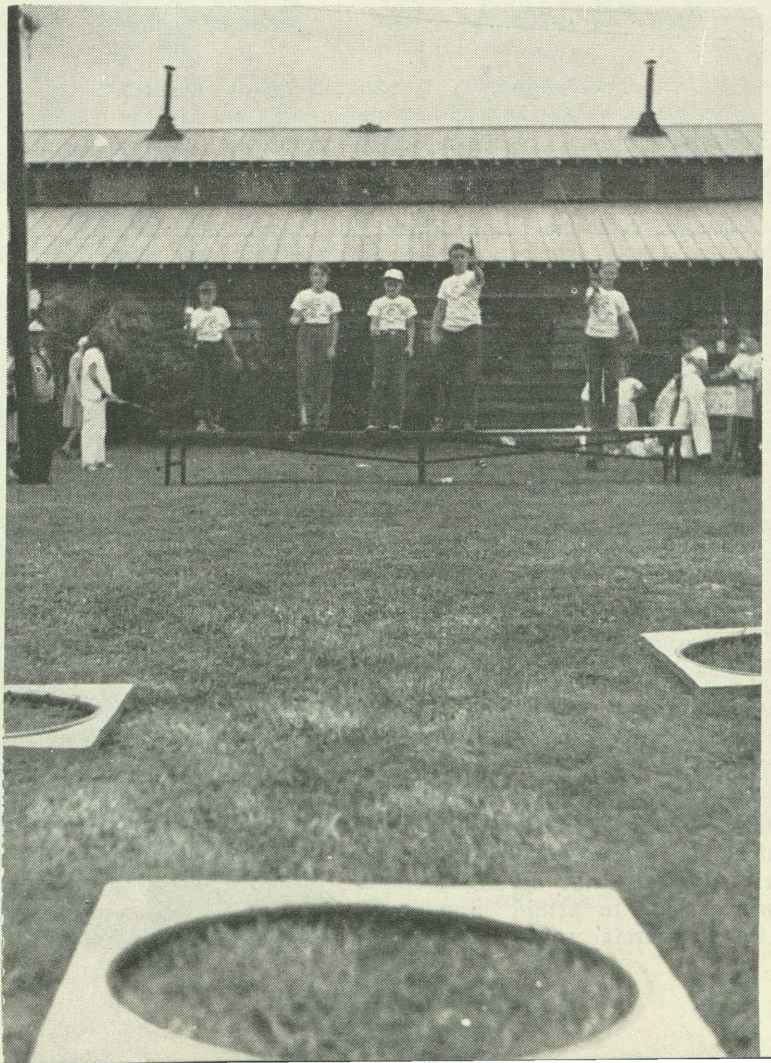
fry. When Margo reached the shore of Lake Dora a week after her first meeting with the three young fishermen, there were 15 grinning young casters snarling lines all over the lake front. Next week there were 23 and the Mount Dora Casting Club was officially created then and there with those present as charter members.

Like the size of catches in fish stories, it has grown steadily ever since. Its membership is now a record 40 moppets and the club is the apple of Chamber of Commerce Secretary Bill Well's publicity-minded eye. It was Secretary Wells who gave the club its first big break. After struggling along in comparative obscurity for several months, Wells persuaded the C of C board of directors to buy the kids some distinctive T-shirts. That did it. From 23 the number of aspiring anglers jumped astronomically, each neophyte eager to gain the ability which would permit him to wear the insignia of the club.

The club practices on the water front lawn of Bill Prinz, ardent sportsman, using home-made targets constructed of old bicycle wheels mounted in wood squares. These are floated at staggered intervals between 30 and 50 feet. Twelve-pound test line is used, with regulation practice plugs weighing $\frac{5}{8}$ oz. It's all strictly "grown up" equipment and rules of the National Association of Anglers Clubs, modified to suit local conditions, are adhered to strictly.

Membership in the club represents a cross section of Mount Dora and is a fine example of democracy at work. Sons and daughters of the wealthy or poor are on an equal footing—it's the best cast wins. The young anglers are learning lessons in sportsmanship and human relations which will help them later on to be better citizens, as well as expert fishermen.

On water or dry land, a cast is a cast with these lads and may the best man win.





Working on a production basis, these women equip thousands of lures with hooks, spinners and swivels each day.



The knack of transforming a hunk of wood into a gadget for tricking fish has built a top-flight industry at St. Petersburg.

Bait's the Business!

THE fact that fishing, in a span of a few short years, has become recognized as America's No. 1 outdoor sport has been responsible for seeing the fishing gadget manufacturing business attain unbelievable prominence from coast to coast.

In every state in the Union, machinery is churning day and night to provide the equipment that is destined to hook a big salmon in Alaska, a fighting muskie in Michigan, or a silver tarpon in Florida.

Here in Florida, the manufacture of fishermen's supplies has grown into an important industry during the last five years and provides steady year-round employment for thousands of men and women. On a gigantic scale, the Sunshine State is producing everything from lures and bobbers to glass casting rods and sleek fishing boats—which is proof enough that fishing gadget business very definitely is big business.

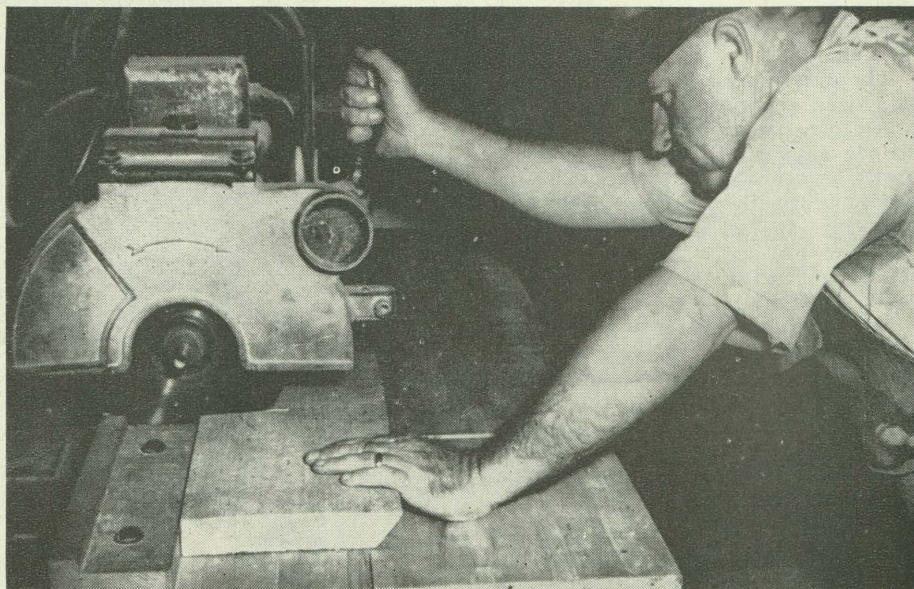
The Florida Fishing Tackle Company, of St. Petersburg, is an outstanding example of the manner in which the fishing gadget manufacturing business has sprung from a meager start to attain prominence in the commercial world. In 1947 the

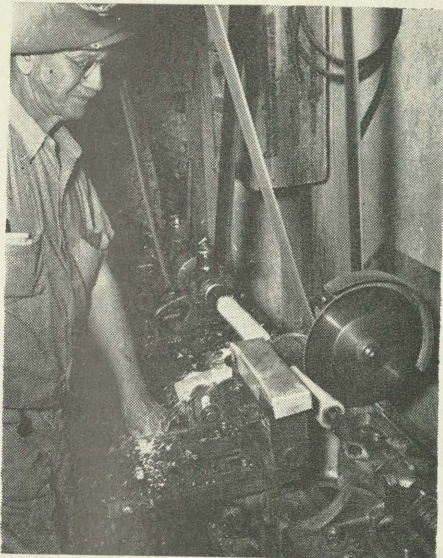
company marketed its products in every state in the Union as well as in Australia, the Hawaiian Islands, Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, Canada and even Arabia. During the year, the company sold well over a million fishing lures alone and remember—this firm is but one of the scores of

others that extend throughout the length and breadth of the nation!

Unknown to most St. Petersburg residents, the company was quietly launched by Jack Reynolds, president of the concern, his brother, Carl, the secretary-treasurer, and the late Kirby Huff back in 1928. With but

Six-foot timbers are cut into proper dimensions in the first step.





Artificial lures are first shaped in automatic doweling machines.



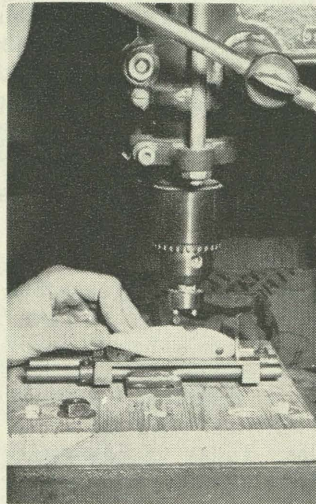
Sanding machine operators erase all rough surfaces from thousands of prospective baits each work day.

three employees on the payroll, the organization started the small-scale making of artificial bait in a humble storeroom in St. Petersburg. However, today the Florida Fishing Tackle Company has 150 people on its weekly payroll and occupies a three-story fishing-gadget beehive that covers half a city block. But the strange thing about the company's phenomenal success is that an Orange Lake shiner gets part of the credit for it.

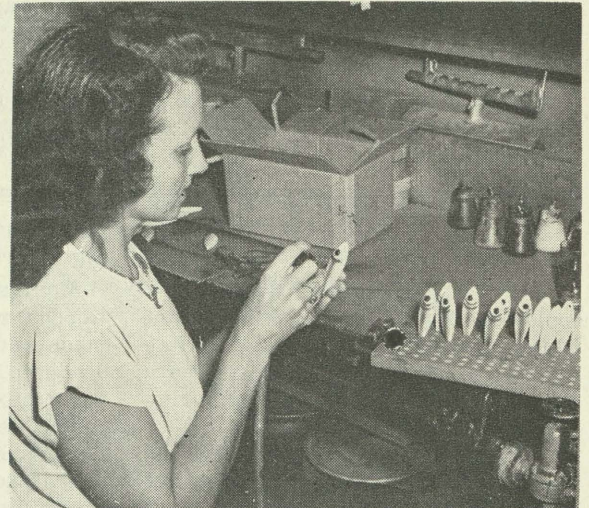
Maybe it was destiny that took Kirby Huff and the brothers to the lake one day in 1939—maybe it was plain luck, who knows?

The day started off for them more or less as a fisherman's nightmare—no matter what bait they used, they

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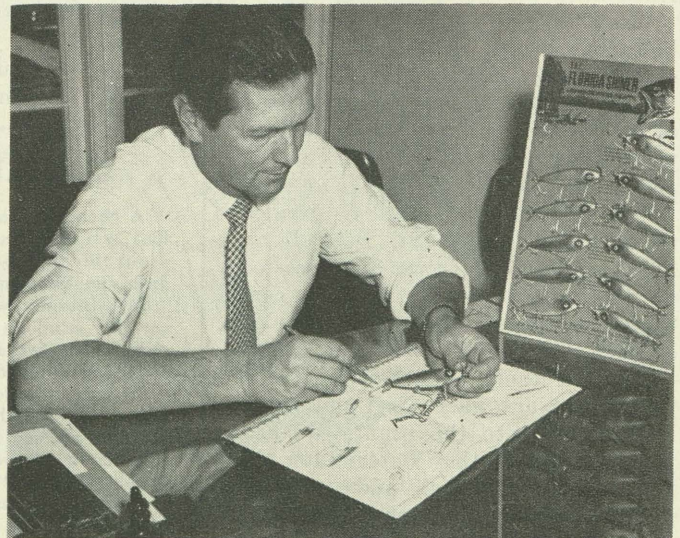
Tiny holes are drilled to provide anchorage for the hooks.



All day long this artist provides the wooden fish with gills and eyes.



This staff of artists adds the "new look" that will make the lures attract both fishermen and fish.



Carl Reynolds, Florida Fishing Tackle Company's secretary-treasurer, checks some of the finished product against dimension and color specifications.

DEAD DUCKS

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MOURNING doves, protected by a 10-a-day limit during a 60-day season in Florida, are not much better off than the ducks in Cuba.

Although it is true that Cuba has set up plans for dove protection—it is ineffectual and the law is openly violated and countless thousands of doves are being slaughtered each year.

The legal Cuban dove season opens the second Sunday of September and closes Feb. 20. In Havana State, the bag limit is set at 50 a day and hunting is permitted on Sunday only. In all other Cuban states, 100 doves a day is the limit and hunting is permitted on Saturday and Sunday.

Doves are unpopular in Cuba, particularly with the rice growers who term them "thieves" and "scavengers" because of damage they cause in rice fields. The irate growers claim that a dove will eat 40 per cent of his weight in rice daily. Strong feeling against the dove has resulted in lax and ineffectual enforcement of protective measures.

As a result of the dove's unpopularity, the bag limit and closed season regulated by the government mean little or nothing according to the hunters.

"The rural police are supposed to take care of it—but we take care of it ourselves," a Cuban nimrod told me with a wink.

BAIT'S THE BUSINESS

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couldn't catch a single fish. Meanwhile, fishermen on all sides were pulling in choice black bass with amazing regularity. After enduring this mental torture for an hour or so they finally weakened and did the sensible thing—asked nearby anglers what bait they were using.

Florida shiners proved to be the tempting morsel, and they eventually filled Jack and Carl's stringers too.

"Now if we could make a wooden bait that looked and acted like one of those shiners, it would be one of the best sellers in the business," one of the brothers prophesied while they were tying up their rowboat at the end of the day.

That evening when they headed their sedan toward St. Petersburg, a quart jar filled with water rested on the seat between them—it contained a single, three-inch Florida shiner!

Back at their midget-sized manufacturing plant, Jack, Carl and Kirby worked far into the night. With a pair of calipers they determined the thickness of the fish and carefully measured his diameter. A rough drawing of the shiner's contours was hastily made. Later, a sleepy-eyed artist, roused from bed, arrived to

make copies of the shiner's shimmering coloring.

Months later, after more than 500 wooden models of the shiner had been made and discarded, the men finally produced a wooden Florida shiner that was an exact replica of the fish itself.

The new bait met with almost instant success. Today it has established such an enviable reputation as a bass getter that more than a half-million were sold to sportsmen last year alone!

A trip through the Florida Fishing Tackle plant is like visiting a fisherman's fairyland. No matter which way you turn, you'll see workers producing an endless stream of

OUR APOLOGIES

A thousand pardons if your **FLORIDA WILDLIFE** reached you later than usual this month—however the tardiness can be fully explained!

We literally went through fire to get this issue on the press after circumstances for a time threatened to cancel it completely.

Exactly two days before the magazine was scheduled to start rolling off the presses, an engraving plant fire destroyed every plate and photograph to be used in this issue.

Tearing his hair, the editor grabbed two telephones and went to work. Finally, all the destroyed photos were replaced—so here's your magazine!

The same sportsman went dove hunting 30 times last season and managed to kill a total of 3,210. The most unsuccessful day he had, the hunter explained, was the day he fired 700 shots and wound up with only 378 birds! However, his hunting season as a whole was no disappointment, he added, for in addition to his seasonal bag of doves, he managed to connect with slightly over 800 ducks.

Despite the annual duck slaughter in Cuba, a recent report made by Albert M. Day, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, revealed that the waterfowl population decline has been checked. Director Day credits the halting of the decline to the rigid hunting regulations and poor hunting weather experienced last season.

In his report Day pointed out that the duck situation this year is encouraging as compared to what it has been for the past three years. But he added that "it holds little hope in the way of relaxation of 1948 hunting regulations." Sportsmen will agree, he said, that we should not be too optimistic if we let the bars down before we are certain that the duck population trend definitely points upward.

After reading Director Day's report, one well known Florida duck hunter added a suggestion for enlarging the duck population.

"I agree with Mr. Day that 1948 is no time to let the bars down on protecting the ducks," he said. "Instead, I think we should add another bar to the fence—a good strong bar in the vicinity of Cuba!"

fishing gadgets that make an avid fisherman drool. The company manufacturers a dozen or more types of fish-getting lures along with casting rods, jaunty bobbers, gaily feathered flies and silvery spoons. As if by magic, a huge machine turns 15,000 pounds of lead into sinkers to the tune of 400,000 a day. A trip through the stockrooms reveals thousands of rods and reels, the products of every famous manufacturer in the United States, ready for shipment to retail sporting goods stores throughout the South.

To the uninitiated, making a wooden lure is an uncanny operation. It starts when six-foot lengths of rough northern white cedar make a noisy trip through ripping machines at one end of the factory and ends when the same timber has been magically transformed into carefully-fashioned fishfoolers.

In spite of the production-line basis, however, making a successful bait isn't exactly as easy as falling off of a log—it entails a lot of hard work and almost endless experimentation.

Long before a plug goes into production, the engineers, the factory's slide-rule and pencil gang, carefully designed it, artists conceived the proper color combinations and, day

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They're **BITING** Here

LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Bass Fishing in Hendry county is still at the peak if you work the weed beds around the edge of Lake Okeechobee.

Dalton Specials, Eger Silver Flash and weedless spoons with pork rind have been doing the business. Start fishing either early morning or late afternoon.



ESCAMBIA COUNTY

You'll get your share of black bass if you wet your line in Escambia county. If you choose the Escambia River, work your way down river from Owens Camp. You'll find equally good fishing along Pine Barren Creek if you start in at the highway and work toward Nicklenson's Landing.

Lucky 13 and Hawaiian Wigglers have been catching 'em. Try your luck early in the morning or late afternoons.



SUMTER COUNTY

Shellcrackers have been making things interesting at Panasoffkee Lake. Take along a can of worms and fish any time of day. Bass are hitting in the Withlacoochee River. Live bait is recommended.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Black bass and speckled perch will keep you busy if you try your luck in the Indian River county canals west of Fellsmere. Fish the edges of the canals and use Hawaiian Wigglers, Black and White or Lucky 13 plugs for bass. Earthworms and bread crumbs will attract the perch. Start fishing in the mid-morning or early evening.



SEMINOLE COUNTY

You'll get your full share of bass and crappie if you try your luck at Lake Howell or any of the county's inland lakes. Bass will bite on shiners. Use minnows for the crappie. Fishing is best in the early morning or late afternoon.



PASCO COUNTY

The finest bass fishing of the season is waiting for you at all of the Pasco county lakes. You'll do best in the early morning or late afternoon. Use your favorite bass bait—it will show you results. During recent weeks, dozens of bass have been caught that ranged from 9 to 15 pounds. If you

choose to make a side trip, try Big Cypress Creek for either bass or perch. Minnows or a Johnson spoon with pork rind will do the trick.



STEINHATCHEE RIVER

You'll catch your day's limit of bream any place along the Steinhatchee in Lafayette county. Earth worms are recommended and start fishing early in the morning or late afternoon.



SANTA ROSA COUNTY

If you're looking for a mess of bream, start fishing at the mouth of the Yellow River in Santa Rosa county. Many excellent catches have been reported by fishermen who used earth worms for bait. You'll have your best luck fishing the high tide.



WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER

Pick a spot that looks good to you anywhere along the Withlacoochee River in Citrus county and you'll get your stringer of bream and bass. Earth worms are best for bream and live shiners will attract the bass. Early morning and later afternoon fishing is recommended. Fishermen have been having top luck working the river backwaters 9 miles west of Dunnellon and 6 miles east of Yankeetown. They used top water plugs for bass and worms for bream. R. O. Dennis took 8 bass that totaled 65½ pounds when he worked the backwaters west of Dunnellon.



BREVARD COUNTY

Large mouth bass will keep you busy if you go fishing at Brevard county's Clifton Lake, Lake Hellin, Lake Winder or the North River out of Lake Winder. Pick your favorite spot at Clifton Lake; try the south end of Lake Hellin and the east or south portions of Lake Winder. Fish near the Grass Mound on North River.

Live bait, the 2000 or a Dalton Special will get you business. Early morning will be your best bet.



SANTA FE LAKE

Bass and bream are waiting for you in any part of Bradford county's Santa Fe Lake. Minnows or worms are recommended either early morning or late afternoon.

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E. C. Wimer

Rapid Growth Made By Polk County Club

LAKELAND — The Polk County Sportsmen's Club, with a membership list of more than 1,500, is well on its way to becoming the State's biggest and most powerful sportsman's organization. The club's record growth sounds like the plot from an Horatio Alger book.

On March 1, the organization had practically gone out of existence—not a single name remained on the membership roster. But things started to happen when a group of sportsmen, headed by Fred W. Jones, Lakeland newspaperman, decided to reactivate the dying club. On March 8, a special meeting was held and only seven men attended. At another meeting a week later, 39 members signed on the line. Then Jones and his group went to work in earnest.

On April 8 there were 1,000 paid up memberships, and 300 attended a special meeting. But that was just the beginning. Six hundred members attended a meeting on April 21 and cheered when it was announced that 1,500 sportsmen had joined the organization. Now the club is readying to hit the 2,000 mark.

Federation Float Is Attractive Feature In Festival Parade

The Florida Wildlife Federation and the St. Petersburg Rod and Gun Club took a forward step in the educational field recently when the two organizations entered an outstanding 40-foot float in the Festival of States parade at the Sunshine City.

More than 200,000 persons lined the streets to view the two-mile long parade and the men responsible for constructing the attractive wildlife float have received hundreds of congratulatory messages for their efforts in striking a new field to promote conservation.

Various portions of the thrills afforded by Florida hunting and fishing were realistically demonstrated to the crowds as the float covered the two-mile parade route. Covered with Spanish moss and palmetto fronds, the float had every appearance of being a big slice taken from a typical Florida wilderness.

A sturdy log cabin, surrounded by palmetto, pine and cypress trees, appeared in the center of the float. Hunters, accompanied by an Irish Setter, were coming from the building to start their day afield. Recently killed bobcats were strung on all sides of the cabin and a pack of baying hounds were secured in the cabin "front yard."

At one end of the float, Walter Willman, former world champion distance caster, was aided by Mrs. Willman in a fancy casting demonstration. At frequent intervals Willman thrilled the sidewalk throngs when he'd make a fancy cast into a glass aquarium and hook a sizeable black bass.

A glass lake, supplied with decoy duck, had been constructed at the opposite end of the float. There, hidden in duck blinds amidst sawgrass and cypress knees, duck hunters were firing noisily at ducks realistically suspended in the air on a jeep directly in front of the float.

Signs on either side of the float advised: "Conserve Florida's Wildlife,"

OFFICERS

President.....Ralph Cooksey, St. Petersburg
Treasurer.....E. A. Markham, Gulfport
Recording Secretary.....George A. Speer, Sanford

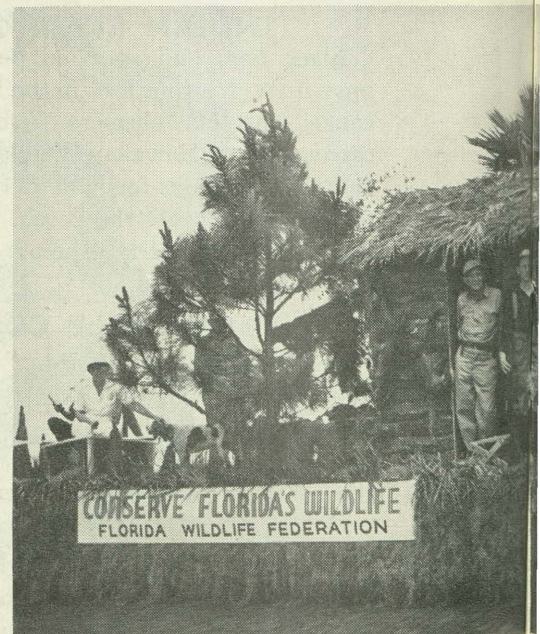
Winter Haven Club Has Bass Raising Project

WINTER HAVEN—Members of the Winter Haven Sportsmen's Club recently placed more than 50,000 bass fingerling in the organization's two rearing pools.

W. P. Langdon, in charge of the pools, said the fish will be released in local lakes this year after they attain a weight of one and a half pounds.

and "Conserve Our Natural Resources."

Ralph G. Cooksey, Federation president, disclosed that the production of the float was another "step forward in the Federation's educational program."



More than 200,000 persons viewed this float, built by the St. Petersburg Rod and Gun Club, when it appeared in the recent Festival of States parade. The float, which was used for the hunt, are shown emerging from their log cabin and were highly thrilled the crowd with fancy bait casting demonstrations. Ducks were realistically suspended in the air.

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For Men and Lovers of the Outdoors

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District 1.....A. W. Cullis, Clearwater
District 2.....S. R. Sanders, Lake City
District 4.....Bill Wellman, West Palm Beach
District 5.....Porter Lansing, Sanford

E. C. Wimer Appointed Hillsborough Secretary

TAMPA—E. C. Wimer, well known in Florida sportsmen's circles, has been appointed full-time secretary of the Hillsborough County Wildlife Association and already is formulating a club program designed to make this county one of the South's outstanding hunting and fishing centers.

Wimer is well qualified to take over his new duties. Formerly he served as secretary for the Florida Wildlife Federation.

By using its sensitive tail as a guide, the pocket gopher can run down his hole backwards almost as fast as he can forwards.



the Wildlife Federation and the St. Petersburg Rod and Gun Club of States parade at St. Petersburg. Nimrod, ready to shoot; Walter Willman and Mrs. Willman, extreme left, while a hunter, right, blasted away at ducks

Important Problems Studied At Special Federation Meeting

Political and wildlife problems were given two days of serious consideration last month when the Florida Wildlife Federation held a special meeting at the Homosassa Springs Hotel. More than 100 members turned out to attend the important session.

One of the most important features of the two-day meet came when the officials carefully studied the answers to a pertinent questionnaire the Federation had submitted to all candidates for governor, attorney general, senators and representatives. The answers, indicating a variety of ideas on conservation problems, will be published in pamphlet form and submitted to all clubs in the Federation ranks.

At another session, Milton Boxley, of Gainesville, disclosed that the junior conservation clubs, now being organized, show the greatest increase of any youth movement in the State. The fast growing St. Petersburg Junior Rod and Reel Club, and the Mount Dora Junior Sportsmen were hailed as the State's leaders in interesting youngsters in conservation problems.

Wildlife officers appealed for the serious protection of alligators during another of the business sessions. The officers revealed that alligators are responsible for killing many of the predators of game fish and termed them the "greatest benefit" to wildlife conservation.

A committee was named to study wildlife predators and eventually will offer suggestions for predator control. The committee, directed to start work immediately, includes: A. D. Bailey, Miami Rod and Reel Club; George Coffin, Miami; Porter Lansing, Sanford; Dr. Edward Thompson, Daytona Beach; and L. G. Bruce, Bartow.

Wildlife code books, recently published by the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, were distributed to the delegates and it is planned that each sportsman's club will study portions of the contents at each meeting throughout the year.



Part of the hundreds of sportsmen from the Sanford area who attended the Seminole County Sportsmen Association's gala fish-fry last month.

Lealman Club Members To Build Skeet Range

ST. PETERSBURG—Through the efforts of the Lealman Rod and Gun Club membership, Sawgrass Lake, virgin fishing grounds, was opened last month at a fish fry and basket picnic that attracted more than 100 members and their families.

For a number of weeks the club members shared their time and money in clearing a canal leading to the lake that previously was practically inaccessible. The newly opened canal supplies the sole entrance. Prior to the official opening, a walk-away dock was constructed to provide a safe landing place and harbor for small craft. Eventually a clubhouse will be built adjacent to the lake. Picnic shelters and a barbecue pit already have been completed and the members anticipate constructing a regulation skeet range on the property within the near future.

The following officers will direct the club's activities this year: Ralph Turner, president; Harold Heiney, secretary; and William Forsythe, treasurer.

During a seven-month period, ending Jan. 31, 10,466 fishing licenses were issued in Orange county. This total represented a gain of 450 over the same period a year ago.



from SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

The Northwest Fishing Club, a new organization in Miami, has all the earmarks of becoming a great success. Membership is open to men and women over 21 who is an American citizen.

The creed of the new organization concerns conservation to the extent that any member catching a record fish in any tournament, or even a winning fish for that matter, will be automatically fined.

As soon as a charter is granted, the new organization will have a clubhouse, bar and kitchen along with a barbecue pit.

Regular outings will be planned in the canals, the keys and the Everglades.

Under the guidance of **E. C. Wimer**, secretary, and **Ralph O. Elliott**, president, an important program is being outlined for the Hillsborough County Wildlife Association.

First of all, efforts will be made to sign up a total of 1,000 members and then develop added interest in hunting and fishing in Hillsborough county.

Included in the new program are plans for organizing a junior club; conducting "skish" tournaments; launching an anti-pollution drive; and issuing a monthly bulletin.

The Highlands County Fish and Game Club will raise minnows in the club's rearing pools as a convenience to fishermen and to bolster the club treasury. Decision to place minnows on sale, both wholesale and retail, was reached at a recent meeting that preceded a baked spare rib dinner.

The club recently repaired the rearing pools and the expense was a heavy drain on the treasury.

A fish fry and interesting program highlighted a recent joint meeting of the **Levy County Wildlife Conservation Club** and the **Cattleman's Association** at Gulf Hammock.

Fried fish, swamp cabbage, sportsman's stew and coffee topped the menu that was offered to more than 150 persons who attended the meeting. **Bill Weeks**, director of the Game Commission's Division of Information and Education, exhibited several wildlife sound films and addressed the members briefly.

Nearly 300 persons attended a **Lake Area Sportsmen's Club** picnic and meeting recently and disposed of more than 500 pounds of fried fish along with hush puppies, salad and coffee.

Introduced by **Judge Amos Lewis**, **Ben C. Morgan**, director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, gave an interesting talk. Sound pictures of Florida's fishing and hunting were exhibited during the meeting at the Round Lake schoolhouse. **DeWitt Thomas** is president of the sportsmen's organization.

Several hundred members of the **Winter Haven Sportsman's Club** attended a recent meeting at the Jaycee Clubhouse. **Bill Weeks**, editor of **FLORIDA WILDLIFE MAGAZINE**, was a special guest and pointed out the enormous income that fresh water fishing is pouring into Florida annually.

GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS

Court convictions for fish and game law violations reached a total of 292 last month—an increase of 100 over the previous 30-day period.

More than half of the convictions, a total of 153, resulted from

fishing without a license. Forty-four were for taking undersized bass.

A \$200 fine, heaviest of the month, was imposed against Willie Winters, of Lake City, in Columbia county, for carrying firearms in a State Game Refuge.

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
FIRST DISTRICT				
Clifton Fowler, Arcadia	Exceeding bag limit on perch	\$134.21	De Soto	J. E. Albritton, John N. Hardin, and C. D. Crews
J. L. Brock, Manatee	Exceeding bag limit on fish; undersize fish; fishing without license	35.00	Glades	C. D. Crews and S. B. Snell
John Mills, Bowling Green	Shooting fish	20.78	Hardee	J. L. Catheart
Aubrey Stokes, Bowling Green	Shooting fish	19.53	Hardee	J. L. Catheart
J. L. White, Roanoke, Va.	Fishing without license	Buy license; S.D.	Hernando	Ralph C. Beville
Shelby Spradlin, West Palm Beach	Fishing without license	Buy license; S.D.	Hernando	Ralph C. Beville
J. J. Alward, Babson Park	Fishing without license	25.00*	Highlands	E. W. Cribb and H. C. Bigbie
H. S. Alward, Babson Park	Fishing without license	25.00*	Highlands	E. W. Cribb and H. C. Bigbie
Mrs. Warren Hendry, Wauchula	Fishing without license	25.00*	Highlands	H. C. Bigbie and E. W. Cribb
O. Dyke, Babson Park	Fishing without license	25.00*	Highlands	H. C. Bigbie and E. W. Smith
Edgar Thompson, Plant City	Fishing without license	Buy license	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
Virgil Butler, Plant City	Fishing without license	12.69	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
Doc Butler, Plant City	Fishing without license	12.69	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
T. K. Weaver, Plant City	Using cast net in fresh water	26.00*	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
J. G. Hawkins, Plant City	Using cast net in fresh water	26.00*	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
M. T. Hitson, Dover	Exceeding bag limit	12.69	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
W. E. Crosby, Dover	Exceeding bag limit	12.69	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
Wesley Herring, Plant City	Fishing without license	12.19	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
Curtis Herring, Plant City	Fishing without license	12.19	Hillsborough	E. P. Campbell
Billy Dykes, Tampa	Taking fish with net in fresh water	12.19	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Jack Dykes, Tampa	Taking fish with net in fresh water	12.19	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Ora Daniels, St. Petersburg	Taking fish with net in fresh water	6.75	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Hubert Hammond, Tampa	Taking fish with net in fresh water	6.75	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
N. W. Bridges, Tampa	Taking fish with gig	6.50	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Ralph Guthrie, Tampa	Taking fish with gig	6.50	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Thomas Blaylock, Tampa	Taking fish with gig	6.50	Hillsborough	M. E. Grantham
Wash May, Tampa	Possession of undersized bass	25.00*	Pasco	A. B. Nathe
Geo. E. Robinson, Aripeka	Fishing without license	5.00	Pasco	Roscoe Godwin and C. C. Walker
Mary Tuggle, Tampa	Fishing without a license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
H. E. Chancey, Pinellas Park	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
S. S. Bryant, Pinellas Park	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker and Roscoe Godwin
Thomas J. Hall, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker and Roscoe Godwin
James H. Williams, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker and Roscoe Godwin
Frank A. McClung, Gainesville	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker and Roscoe Godwin
Delma L. Mulpheris, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
Naomi Colaw, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
Arthur Blitch, St. Petersburg	Possession of quail out of season	S.D.	Pinellas	Roy Garner and J. T. Phibin
Perry Goins, St. Petersburg	Exceeding bag limit on bream; possession of undersize bass	12.00	Pinellas	J. T. Phibin and Roy Garner
H. E. Pindland, Clearwater	Hunting at night with gun and headlight	13.75	Pinellas	L. R. Garrison
Floyd Peacock, Dunedin	Hunting at night with gun and headlight	13.75	Pinellas	L. R. Garrison
William Keiser, Detroit, Mich.	Using firearms in game preserve	S.D.	Pinellas	L. R. Garrison
E. L. Blackney, St. Petersburg	Fishing without license	15.00	Pinellas	J. T. Phibin
Lillian Green, Bartow	Possession of undersize bass	17.00	Polk	D. L. Petty
Donald Wiggins, Pierce	Fishing without license	8.25	Polk	H. O. Whittle
John Cheyett, Lakeland	Fishing without license	16.25	Polk	C. E. Collins and E. S. Summers
Paul Wilcoxon, New York	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	H. O. Whittle
Gladys Wilcoxon, New York	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	H. O. Whittle
H. G. Reed, Cornishville, Ky.	Fishing without license	6.75	Polk	C. E. Collins
J. C. Durrance, Ft. Meade	Fishing without license	17.00	Polk	H. O. Whittle
Dover Copeland, Hawthorne	Exceeding bag limit on perch	12.75	Polk	C. E. Collins
Mrs. L. W. Arminstrout, Allegan, Mich.	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	H. O. Whittle
L. W. Arminstrout, Allegan, Mich.	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	D. L. Petty
W. J. Nicherson, Winter Haven	Over bag limit of perch	12.75	Polk	E. S. Sumner
W. G. Gay, Winter Haven	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	D. L. Petty
Vertis Aikens, Brewster	Possession of undersized bass	16.00	Polk	D. L. Petty
Lessie M. Chandler, Avon Park	Fishing without license	12.88	Polk	E. W. Cribb and H. C. Bigbie
Pursey Chandler, Avon Park	Fishing without license	12.88	Polk	E. W. Cribb and H. C. Bigbie
L. Fuller, Dundee	Possession of undersized bass	15.50	Polk	E. S. Sumner
Jessie Green, Lake Wales	Possession of undersized bass	14.75	Polk	E. S. Sumner and C. E. Collins
Bob Johnson, Lakeland	Fishing without license	11.25	Polk	Edward Gill
John D. Russell, Winter Haven	Fishing without license	8.75	Polk	D. L. Petty
W. C. Cowby, Frostproof	Possession of undersized bass	13.50	Polk	D. L. Petty
David Peter, Sarasota	Fire Hunting	S.D.	Sarasota	R. N. Cook and John A. Ingram
Juanita Frye, Hickory, N.C.	Fishing without license	25.00	Sarasota	L. L. Taylor
SECOND DISTRICT				
Isiah Criswell, Alachua	Possession of over bag limit bream	19.25	Alachua	Wm. C. Arline
William R. Moesta, Gainesville	Fishing without license	19.50	Alachua	J. W. Simmons
Edward Earl Harden, Jacksonville	Possession of gun in Osceola National Forest	Court cost	Baker	John S. Croft
W. E. Holland, Commerce, Ga.	Carrying without license	28.41	Columbia	Geo. C. Vaughn
Willie Winters, Lake City	Carrying firearms in State Game Refuge	200.00	Columbia	Revels, North and Thomas
William A. Bunts, Lake City	Possession of coot during closed season	25.00	Columbia	C. E. North
J. W. Mose, High Springs	Attempting to take fish without license	52.52	Columbia	Geo. C. Vaughn
George Nix, Perry	Fishing without license	25.00	Dixie	B. F. Folsom
Fred Fiegel, Perry	Fishing without license	25.00	Dixie	B. F. Folsom
Charles L. Peterson, S. Jacksonville	Hunting without a license	20.00*	Duval	H. K. Stalls
Cecil Rigdon, Jacksonville	Hunting in game reservation without license on closed day	15.00	Duval	Max Akins
Carl Rigdon, Jacksonville	Hunting in game reservation without license on closed day	15.00	Duval	Max Akins

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† Suspended sentence.

S.D. Sentence deferred.

GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS—(Continued)

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
William Loyd, Jacksonville.....	Hunting in game reservation without license on closed day and unplugged gun.....	15.00	Duval.....	Max Akins
Henry Taylor, Jr., Jacksonville.....	Hunting without license.....	10.00	Duval.....	Max Akins and H. K. Stalls
A. E. Hunsucker, S. Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	20.00*	Duval.....	H. K. Stalls
James O. Young, Branford.....	Fishing without a license.....	25.00	Lafayette.....	B. F. Folsom
Mrs. Evelyn Stopels, Live Oak.....	Fishing without a license.....	S.D.	Lafayette.....	B. F. Folsom
Axon Hewill, Live Oak.....	Excess of bag limit on fish.....	15.00	Lafayette.....	B. F. Folsom
Norman Huggins, Otter Creek.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	10.00	Levy.....	Fred Kirkland
Frank Hines, Otter Creek.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	10.00	Levy.....	Fred Kirkland
Hardy Hines, Otter Creek.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	10.00	Levy.....	Fred Kirkland
Boyd E. Hilton, Bronson.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	10.00	Levy.....	Kirkland and Arline
Albert Boone, Dunnellon.....	Fishing without license.....	10.00	Levy.....	J. J. Clary
Flossie M. Jones, Dunnellon.....	Fishing without a license.....	10.00	Levy.....	J. J. Clary
Willie Smith, Greenville.....	Gigging fresh water fish.....	S.D.	Madison.....	Geo. Hendry and Herman Cherry
Raymond H. Ghe, Greenville.....	Gigging fresh water fish.....	S.D.	Madison.....	Geo. Hendry and Herman Cherry
Albert Seabrooks, Greenville.....	Gigging fresh water fish.....	S.D.	Madison.....	Geo. Hendry and Herman Cherry
Ernest C. Hightower, Callahan.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	H. A. Stokes
Jack D. Bowyer, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Ralph Lee, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Walter M. Lee, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Frank Clark, Jacksonville.....	Fishing with rod and reel without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Landon G. McGibb, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Jack Forehand, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
W. H. Eng, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	20.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Prince Hudson, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Middleton Hudson, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
William Martin, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Millie Martin, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Raymon Smith, Jacksonville.....	Fishing with more than one pole and line out of county of legal residence.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Johnnie Plummer, Dinsmore.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Eunice Whitehead, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Elenor Youman, Brunswick, Ga.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
W. C. Martin, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
F. C. Crawford, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Melvin J. Crawford.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Minnie Smith, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Earnest R. Raulerson, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
W. H. Mitchell, Savannah, Ga.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Allen Pirkle, Grand Crossing.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. Sherman Hudson, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. W. C. Pope, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. W. C. Pope, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
F. M. Brown, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without a license.....	20.00*	Nassau.....	L. A. Stokes
G. E. Vickery, Perry.....	Selling fresh water game fish.....	29.60	Taylor.....	J. O. McMullen
Albert Burnsed, Lake Butler.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00*	Union.....	Milton R. Dukes
THIRD DISTRICT				
J. D. Palmer, Highland City.....	Fishing in closed season and catching undersized bass.....	14.15	Bay.....	W. L. Boyd
James Davis, Highland City.....	Fishing in closed season and catching undersized bass.....	14.15	Bay.....	S. P. McDonald
Crawford Turner, Flomaton, Ala.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.50	Escambia.....	B. W. Lee
William Pilcher, Pensacola.....	Catching and in possession of undersized black bass.....	20.00*	Escambia.....	A. D. Livingston
P. J. McKenney, Columbus, Ga.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	35.00*	Franklin.....	John Elderkin
J. C. Pope, Bessemer, Ala.....	Exceeding bag limit on black bass.....	35.00	Gadsden.....	Rhodus Hill and Geo. Atkinson
A. C. Johnson, Bessemer, Ala.....	Exceeding bag limit on black bass.....	35.00	Gadsden.....	Rhodus Hill and Geo. Atkinson
Mrs. J. C. Pope, Bessemer, Ala.....	Exceeding bag limit on black bass.....	S.D.	Gadsden.....	Rhodus Hill and Geo. Atkinson
W. L. Lee, Albany, Ga.....	Taking fish with net.....	175.00	Gadsden.....	Geo. V. Atkinson
E. F. Frazier, Baconton, Ga.....	Taking fish with net.....	175.00	Gadsden.....	J. O. Johnson
Mrs. Johnny Mock, Panama City.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	Gulf.....	H. O. Pridgeon
R. D. Lister, Wewahatchka.....	Fishing during closed season.....	25.00	Gulf.....	H. O. Pridgeon
H. L. Birge, Caryville.....	Attempting to take fresh water fish with a wire trap.....	19.15	Holmes.....	Irvin B. Spence
O. M. McLendon, Hartford, Ala.....	Fishing with more than one pole.....	34.43	Jackson.....	Joe Sims
W. W. Windham, Dothan, Ala.....	Fishing without a license.....	32.93	Jackson.....	Sam Hunter
L. G. Brown, Dothan, Ala.....	Fishing without a license.....	32.93	Jackson.....	Joe Sims
John D. Logan, Samson, Ala.....	Possession of undersized bass.....	32.93	Jackson.....	Joe Sims
Bill Allgood, Sansom, Ala.....	Fishing with more than one pole.....	32.93	Jackson.....	Joe Sims
Hilton R. Parrish, Dothan, Ala.....	Fishing without license.....	34.43	Jackson.....	Joe Sims
J. M. Armbrister, Cottonwood.....	Fishing without license.....	32.93	Jackson.....	Sam Hunter
Jimmy Parrish, Dothan, Ala.....	Fishing without a license.....	34.43	Jackson.....	Sam Hunter
Billy Parrish, Dothan, Ala.....	Fishing without a license.....	34.43	Jackson.....	Sam Hunter
James Howard Cox, Monticello.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00	Jefferson.....	W. L. Stelts and Edwin Grambling
E. R. Nesmith, Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	15.00	Jefferson.....	W. L. Stelts
Wallace Williams, Tallahassee.....	Exceeding bag limit on fish.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. H. Harrison
Ed Johnson, Tallahassee.....	Striking fish and taking fish in closed season.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. H. Harrison
H. A. Hughes, Tallahassee.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Floyd C. Kimbrough, Tallahassee.....	Gigging fish.....	25.00	Leon.....	Harrison and Conoly
Mrs. Patricia Wood, Lexington, Ky.....	Fishing without a license.....	S.D.	Leon.....	J. T. Conoly
W. M. Wood, Lexington, Ky.....	Fishing without a license.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. T. Conoly
Charles Gaines, Cairo, Ga.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Cornelius Gaines, Cairo, Ga.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Gwynn Tyers, Cairo, Ga.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Louis Spearman, Cairo, Ga.....	Taking fish illegally.....	S.D.	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Shelton Singletary, Thomasville, Ga.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Glen Stringer, Tallahassee.....	Taking fish illegally.....	25.00	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
A. C. White, Tallahassee.....	Fishing without proper license.....	S.D.	Leon.....	J. D. Hopkins
Leroy Henry, Tallahassee.....	Striking fish.....	25.00	Leon.....	Harrison and Conoly
Joe Myles, Tallahassee.....	Striking fish.....	25.00	Leon.....	Harrison and Conoly
Mrs. A. M. Adkinson, Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	Purchase license	Liberty.....	Lothair Chester
A. M. Adkinson, Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	5.00	Liberty.....	Lothair Chester
John F. Dial, Jr., Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	5.00	Liberty.....	Lothair Chester
Mrs. John F. Dial, Jr., Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	Purchase license	Liberty.....	Lothair Chester
Mrs. Roy Underwood, Tallahassee.....	Fishing without a license.....	5.00	Liberty.....	Lothair Chester
Lonnie Hill, Sumatra.....	Hunting without a license.....	S.D.	Liberty.....	Walter Larkins
Johnny Boggs, Sumatra.....	Possession squirrel in closed season.....	S.D.	Liberty.....	Walter Larkins

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GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS—(Continued)

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
Grady R. Sellers, Troy, Ala.	Fishing without a license	23.38	Liberty	Lee Duggar
E. C. Pringle, Mobile, Ala.	Taking wild turkey in closed season	50.50	Liberty	Larkins and Summers
E. M. Haywood, Tallahassee	Fishing without a license	Purchase license	Liberty	Lothair Chester
Wiley Duncan, Hosford	Possession of undersized bass	28.25	Liberty	Ross G. Summers
H. W. Knapp, New York City	Fishing without license	15.00	Santa Rosa	O. L. Allen
Madalyn Knapp, New York City	Fishing without license	15.00	Santa Rosa	O. L. Allen
T. A. Reynolds, Pensacola	Fishing without license	20.00*	Santa Rosa	O. L. Allen
W. L. Copeland, Milton	Hunting in closed area with firearms and dog	13.71	Santa Rosa	O. L. Allen
Robert Jones, Owens	Fishing without a license	20.00*	Santa Rosa	O. L. Allen
Leslie Brack, Pensacola	Fishing without a license	25.00*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Arthur Crittenden, Pensacola	Fishing without a license	25.00*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Robert V. Hall, Pensacola	Fishing without a license	25.00*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
D. J. Hancock, Wakulla	Fishing in closed season with rod and reel	30.00	Wakulla	J. T. Conoly
Joe Allen Edge, Tallahassee	Fishing without a license	25.00	Wakulla	H. C. Pelt
N. S. Hoffman, Tallahassee	Fishing without a license	25.00	Wakulla	O. L. Vause
J. R. Crutchfield, Tallahassee	Fishing in closed waters	35.00	Wakulla	H. C. Pelt
S. J. Hancock, Tallahassee	Fishing in closed water	35.00	Wakulla	H. C. Pelt
Joel Sapp, Chipley	Fishing with unlawful device; taking undersize bass	27.20	Washington	Boyd and McDonald
Vernon E. Webb, Tyndall Field	Possession of undersized bass	28.20	Washington	Lee Duggar
E. F. Goggan, Bonifay	Fishing without a license	27.90	Washington	J. M. Atkins
Mrs. E. F. Goggan, Bonifay	Fishing without a license	27.65	Washington	J. M. Atkins
Sue Brackin	Fishing without a license	Bond forfeited	Washington	Emmett Reeder
Mrs. Cecil Griffin, Newville, Ala.	Fishing without a license	25.00*	Washington	Sam Hunter
FOURTH DISTRICT				
Willie P. Walker, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bream	25.00	Broward	John W. May
A. T. McDaniel, Tallahassee	Possession undersize bass	20.00	Broward	John W. May
John LaRoch, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Highway No. 25	30.50	Broward	John W. May
Robert David Mahan, Miami	Fishing without license	16.75	Broward	John W. May
A. J. Griffing, Miami	Possession of undersized bass	32.30	Broward	John W. May
Frueil Johnson, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	John W. May
Geo. E. Hollis, Ft. Lauderdale	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	John W. May
Frank Keeran, Miami	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	John W. May
Fred Wilson, Miami	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	John W. May
Willie R. H. Perry, Miami	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	John W. May
John Joseph Schaub, Miami	Shooting on State Highway No. 25	32.05	Broward	John W. May
John Brownlie, Miami	Possession of undersized bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
W. H. Parker, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Highway No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Roy Blakeney, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Highway No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Jacob Barry, Hollywood	Shooting on State Highway No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Floyd L. Toban, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	I. R. Giddens
William Walker, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on fish	25.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
John Moore	Possession of undersized bass	30.05	Broward	John W. May
James Kelman, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	17.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Talmadge D. Burkett, Homestead	Fishing without license	Buy license	Broward	I. R. Giddens
John Francis Riee, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	32.30	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Christie Joseph Nolan, Miami	Possession of undersized bass; over the bag limit of bass	32.20	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Robert Ralph Devanay, Miami	Taking coots during closed season	20.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens, L. P. Harvey
Robert Jenkins, Miami	Possession of undersized bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Alfred George Respeumer, Fort Lauderdale	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Frank Gordon, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on fish	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
J. C. Coleman, Miami	Possession of undersized bass; exceeding bag limit on bass	40.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Lonnie Wallace, Miami	Undersized bass	20.00*	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Elder McCall, Miami	Undersize bass, exceeding bag limit on bass and fishing without license	40.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Edward Reddick, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75 and buy license	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Linton Harris, Miami	Undersized bass	52.50	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Vera May Weather, Miami	Undersized bass	52.50	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Robert Halton, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bream	32.50	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Bruce H. Collier, Fort Myers	Possession of firearms in breeding ground	25.00	Collier	J. H. Douglas and C. J. Whidden
William E. Campbell, Miami	Attempting to shoot protected non-game birds	15.00	Dade	John W. May and L. E. Bunnell
Clinton H. Howell, Miami	Shooting on State Road No. 27	15.00	Dade	L. E. Bunnell and John W. May
Herman Darwick, Miami	Shooting off Bird Road	15.00	Dade	L. E. Bunnell
Dallas R. Cobb, Jr., Miami	Shooting off Bird Road	15.00	Dade	L. E. Bunnell
Vern T. Gransden, Miami	Discharging firearm on state road	15.00	Dade	John W. May and L. E. Bunnell
Edward Foster, Opa Locka	Undersize bass	10.00	Dade	John W. May
James B. Fowler, Pennsylvania	Discharging firearms on or across Highway No. 74	15.00	Dade	James P. Johnson
Joseph Schuzer, Miami	Discharging firearms across Tamiami Trail	15.00	Dade	James P. Johnson
Mary Burgess, West Palm Beach	Fishing without license	15.00	Martin	R. R. Merritt
Douzell D. Burgess, West Palm Beach	Fishing without license	15.00	Martin	R. R. Merritt and Ralph Hartman, Jr.
Leonard Wallings, West Palm Beach	Fishing without license	15.00	Martin	R. R. Merritt
Doris Wallings, West Palm Beach	Fishing without license	15.00	Martin	R. R. Merritt
Fred West, Belle Glade	Killing and taking game out of season	25.00*	Palm Beach	J. P. Hodges
Johnnie C. Willits, Belle Glade	Undersized bass	25.00*	Palm Beach	Axel Jensen
Wheeler Turesdale, Fort Pierce	Fishing without license	20.63	St. Lucie	Engram Hazellief
Toppie Thomas, Tampa	Over bag limit	35.00*	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
Albert Wingate, Tampa	Exceeding bag limit	35.06*	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
R. C. Gooden, Tampa	Exceeding bag limit	35.00*	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
C. W. Barth, Stuart	Possession undersized bass	35.00*	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
Jack W. Godwin, Fort Pierce	Undersized bass	20.63	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
Vernon H. Fairman, Fort Pierce	Undersized bass	20.63	St. Lucie	Buddy Bass
FIFTH DISTRICT				
Geo. L. Edwards, Kissimmee	Undersized bass	30.40	Brevard	L. A. Tindall
Manuel Galiger, Kissimmee	Undersized bass	30.40	Brevard	L. A. Tindall
V. D. Peters, Orlando	Undersized bass	33.40	Brevard	C. R. Bronson and Cecil Nicholson
Horace A. Davis, Dunnellon	Unlawful possession of gun and headlights in woods at night	150.00	Citrus	George Townsend, V. R. Perryman, Doyle H. Tindale
J. C. Crosby, Pierson	Fishing without license	21.40	Flagler	J. O. Buckles

* Bond forfeited

† Suspended sentence

S.D. Sentence deferred

GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS—(Continued)

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
Victor Brown, Dunellon.....	Undersized bass and improper license.....	37.00	Marion.....	W. E. Land and Vanness Seckinger
Bill Thompson, Holdon, W. Va.....	Fishing without license.....	45.00	Marion.....	Grady Cason and W. H. Wiggins
Elijah Clark, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	10.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Ollie Green, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	10.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Willie Dumas, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	10.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Beula Beiny, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	10.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. Howard B. Banes, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Lenard J. Herd, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Murrie Smoak, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Willie Britt Huddleston, Roanoke, Va.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	Alvin Pacetti
Edward B. Mikell, Polk City.....	Fishing without license.....	25.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Perry
Louis V. Hargrove, St. Augustine.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
J. C. Harrington.....	Fishing without license.....	25.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. W. D. Sharpe, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. Earla Hicks, S. Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. E. A. Hicks, S. Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
John H. Murry, Arlington.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
George O. Campbell.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. E. L. Gibbs, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Perry
Lorenza Wall, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Ellis L. Gibbs, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
M. L. Shaws, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00*	St. Johns.....	Alvin Pacetti
Byrl O. Woolbright, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Betty J. Blatchly, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	20.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Crane William, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Alvin E. Lane, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
W. S. Garcia, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. Alvin E. Lane, Jacksonville.....	Fishing without license.....	15.00*	St. Johns.....	E. W. Pappy
Lester P. Harper, Geneva.....	Attempting to take fish illegally.....	117.00	Seminole.....	Warren Tanner
Charlie McQueen, Sanford.....	Undersized bass.....	25.00*	Seminole.....	J. D. Warren
Mrs. W. J. McKenna, Lake Helen.....	Fishing without license.....	14.30*	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson
L. P. Cottrell, Daytona Beach.....	Fishing without license.....	15.65*	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson
Hildon Pompey, Sanford.....	Fishing without license.....	25.54	Volusia.....	Wayne Clifton, H. L. Lungren, Charlie Clark
Frank Cook, Holly Hill.....	Fishing without license.....	16.65	Volusia.....	Charlie Clark, H. L. Lungren, Wayne Clifton
E. E. Adkins, Sanford.....	Fishing without license.....	19.40* and buy license	Volusia.....	H. L. Lungren
B. D. Brooks, De Land.....	Exceeding bag limit.....	19.90	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson
Saunders Williamson, De Land.....	Shooting coots during closed season.....	50.00	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson
Henry C. McLean, Daytona Beach.....	Exceeding bag limit.....	16.40*	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson
Lanzo Jackson, Daytona Beach.....	Exceeding bag limit.....	16.40*	Volusia.....	M. P. Thompson

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BAIT'S THE BUSINESS

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after day, hard-boiled fishermen tossed it around and made unbiased suggestions for its improvement. Actual production begins the day a lure has been given the green light by the staff of fishing gadget experts. That's the happy day when those six-foot lengths of white cedar are ripped up into the right lengths to be shaped in automatic doweling machines; smoothed off in sanding machines; painted by artists; fully equipped with hooks, spinners and swivels; and finally placed in attractive boxes designed to win the eye of fish-hungry sportsmen.

Yes, there's a lot of hard work connected with turning out the nation's fishing equipment supply—but the effort has put the fishing gadget business in the big league!

The musk deer is eagerly sought by the natives throughout the Orient as musk is valuable for perfume. In Mongolia a "pod" is worth five dollars (silver), and in other parts of China it sells for considerably more. The musk sac is present only in the male deer and is, of course, for the purpose of attracting the does.

All bumble bees die in the winter, except the queen bee. She alone survives to produce another generation.



Mark Greenwald, of Lutz, went home satisfied after hooking these bass while fishing in Thirteen Mile Creek in Hillsborough county.

Duck Decline Checked Says Federal Official

Waterfowl population apparently are leveling off at the bottom of their decline, says Albert M. Day, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Increases in the Mississippi, Atlantic, and Pacific coast flyways appear to be offset by decreases in the Central flyway, Mexico and Canada, but the over-all numbers seem to be about the same as last year.

Director Day credited the halting of the decline to the rigid hunting regulations and poor hunting weather experienced last year. The Service's chain of refuges which provided resting and feeding places for migrating birds, also played an important part.

"Although the situation this year is encouraging compared to what it has been for the past three years," he said, "it holds little hope in the way of relaxation of 1948 hunting regulations. Sportsmen will agree that we would be too optimistic if we let the bars down before we are certain that the duck population trend definitely points upward."

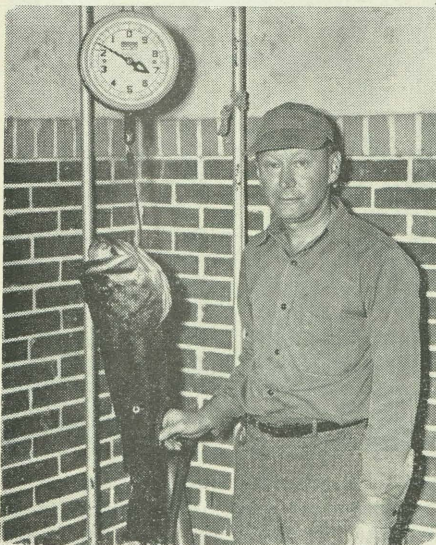


Here's proof that they're catching big ones in Lake Dora. Col. E. P. Jolls, of Mount Dora, caught this 9-pound, 14-ounce beauty while using live bait.

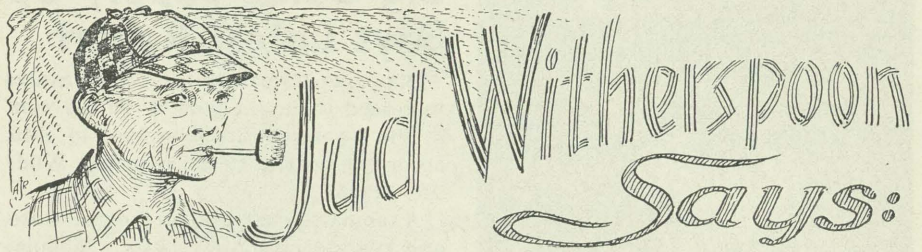
HE WAS HOME-SICK

Those who use pigeons for carrying messages, might consider the possibility of using deer for the same purpose or for transporting packages if the homing instinct of the entire tribe is as highly developed as that of one Wyoming whitetail.

According to Warren J. Allred, Wyoming Pittman-Robertson Coordinator, a deer trapped at Grey's River Elk Corral and transplanted to Jackson Hole Wildlife Park, 60 air-line miles away across deep February snows, was retrapped at the elk corral less than four weeks later.



E. J. Siefert, of Monticello, Ind., landed an 11-pound, 11-ounce bass in Lake county's Lake Griffin.



AFTER listenin to all the radio contests where they're givin away prizes that range from a two weeks Hawaiian trip to makin you president of the leadin bank in your home town, it was mighty pleasin to hear of a new kind of contest where you don't have to write a silly jingle or even send a box top or cigarette package wrapper. Down in Pinellas county they started a contest and all you have to do to enter it is send in live rattlesnakes—it's just that simple. Yep, Pinellas county wants to get rid of it rattlesnake supply and Ross Allen, Florida's Rattlesnake King, is offerin a \$100 prize to the person that delivers the biggest number of rattlers, alive or dead, to the snake control station at Largo this year. . .

Accordin to a letter that arrived a short time ago, the fish up in Alaska ain't exactly smart. Maggie Lind, an Eskimo girl, who lives at Bethel, Alaska, the last outpost before the North Pole, told how she caught three gunny sacks of fish through the ice in two hours flat. Maggie said she made the catch with a feather jigger—but what convinced me that Alaska fish are kinda silly was when she said they'd swallow the jigger when it was just layin still in the water—they didn't even wait until she wiggled it. . .

Axel Jensen, wildlife officer in Palm Beach county, ain't much of a feller to let his friends get ahead of him, especially when it comes to fishin. A couple of weeks ago he and Dick Parrish, of Pahokee, went fishin. They'd just started in real good when Dick hooked and landed two nice bass at the same time on a plug. Axel's face got kinda red and he was doin a lot of thinkin. Ten minutes later, he got a mighty strike and—darned if he didn't land two nice ones on the same plug too—so the two-in-one contest ended even Steven. . .

Lowell Thomas, 14-year-old Hialeah lad, is braggin that he's got the smartest pet turtle in the business. The turtle furnished him with a special Easter gift when she dug a hole in the yard and deposited two full-size turtle eggs smack dab on Easter Sunday. . . Walter Rives, of Jacksonville, got awful mad one time when his nylon line, frayed from rubbin against the rod, broke just as he was about to land a nice big trout. Fact is, he got just mad enough that he designed and patented a rod that permits the line to run through polished guides without ever touching any part of the rod or handle. The first one he completed was presented to President Truman—now he's turning them out at the rate of 7,000 a week at his Jacksonville factory. . .

J. Mellor Phillips, of Pittsburgh, is stone blind but he'd rather fish than eat. But goin fishin ain't just so easy when a feller can't see. But Phillips kept at his fishing hobby so consistent like, that a lot of sportsmen with good eyes formed groups to take blind sportsmen out on regular fishin trips and lend 'em a hand with baitin hooks and kinda helpin out in general. Seems like a mighty fine idea too—wonder why a lot of us fellers with two good eyes couldn't do the same thing in Florida? . . .

Heard of another mighty good idea that started in Pennsylvania too. Seems like a big manufacturin plant darn near had to shut down the first day of huntin season last year on account of most of the hired hands went huntin instead of comin to work. But the officers of the big plant figgered out a way to beat the rap come huntin season this Fall. They've already served notice that everyone on the payroll will get a one-day vacation when huntin starts. Yep, they're going to give all their folks a one-day huntin vacation—with pay too. I'll bet you're wishin right now that your boss will do the same thing.



R. J. Remington, of Coleman, connected with these 10-pound bass while fishing at Panasoffkee Lake.

An outstanding characteristic of the oyster is its ability to change its sex from year to year, a phenomenon known as "sex reversal." Young oysters in their first year of life are generally male. During the second year, half of them will become females and a certain number will continue to alternate between one sex and the other.

Birds are descended from reptiles and, like these ancestors, they do not perspire.

Big Game Supply Up Says Latest Report

Big game animals in the United States increased their numbers by 25 per cent in the 3-year period from 1943 to 1946, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A tabulation based upon federal, state, and private estimates shows a population of 8,240,400 in 1946 in contrast to 6,598,422 in 1943, and 5,156,611 in 1937. Michigan led the states with a total of 880,600 animals, mostly deer. Wisconsin and Pennsylvania followed in second and third place with 795,600 and 679,600 respectively. Kansas alone has no animals of big-game stature.

One of the most gratifying gains during the three years was in the numbers of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. At one time on the verge of extermination, this splendid trophy animal registered a strong 75 per cent increase from 9,152 to 16,000. Moose populations rose from 14,803 to 23,000, a gain of 57 per cent. An 11 per cent decrease in desert bighorns, however, was noted, although they still are slightly more numerous than they were 10 years ago. The pronghorn antelope dropped 5 per cent from 246,000 to 233,000. Over 100,000 more of these fleet animals exist on our plains today than in 1937, and the present slight decrease causes no grave concern. The black bear nearly doubled its numbers over the past 10 years, and the grizzly bear is holding its ground, the Service said.

The Chipping Sparrow is the smallest of all sparrows. It weighs less than one ounce.

Seven Ducks Bagged By Average Hunter During Past Season

The drastic waterfowl hunting regulations of 1947 which were designed to bring about a very substantial reduction in the kill of ducks and geese succeeded in their purpose, says Albert M. Day, Fish and Wildlife Service Director.

Hunter-take data for 1947, which Service officials feel are the most accurate to date, are based on a combination of duck scorecard returns submitted by interested hunters, a new method of random telephone sampling, plus information collected by the States.

In waterfowl areas throughout the country, Fish and Wildlife Service personnel and collaborators made random telephone calls to chalk up a total of 8,845 contacts with duck stamp holders in 32 states. The results indicated that the average seasonal kill amounted to a little more than 7 birds, with an average daily bag of 1.8.

The Pacific flyway had 19 percent of the hunters and 25 percent of the kill, representing no change from the 1946 season. The Central flyway had 25 percent of the hunters and 19 percent of the kill. In 1946 this flyway had the same percentage of hunters but the kill amounted to 29 percent.

The Mississippi flyway had 44 percent of the hunters and 46 percent of the kill, a reduction of 2 percent in the hunters, but an increase of 9 percent in the kill as compared with the 1946 season.

The Atlantic flyway had 11 percent of the hunters and 10 percent of the kill in 1947. In 1946 it had 14 percent of the hunters and 9 percent of the kill.

Ducks Unlimited Pledges \$325,000 Waterfowl Fund

A record appropriation of \$325,000 for expanded waterfowl restoration work in western Canada, has been earmarked for 1948 by Ducks Unlimited's Board of Trustees which held its two-day annual meeting in Washington last month.

This huge appropriation, topping by \$25,000 the allotment of such funds made last year, will be used, principally, to create more strategic dams and greater water stabilization areas in vital waterfowl nesting areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba where the bulk of North American wild ducks breed.



Here's proof that bass fishing is plenty good at Lake Dora. Harry E. Allen, at left, displays a 5½ pounder while his fishing companion, John G. Ashley, holds up an 8¼-pound beauty.

Governor Appoints Two New Members To Game Commission

Two new members, Cecil M. Webb, of Tampa, and Milton H. Baxley, of Gainesville, were appointed to the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission by Governor Caldwell last month.

Webb, who succeeds L. G. Bruce, of Bartow, as First District commissioner, is well known in sports circles and has been active in the affairs of the Hillsborough County Wildlife Association. He is owner and president of the Dixie Lily Milling Co., of Florida; the Kinchafoonee Milling Co., of Florida; the Dixie Lily Milling Co., of West Florida; and the Dixie Milling Co., of Georgia. Bruce, whose term expired Jan. 6, had been a commission member since Nov. 8, 1939.

Baxley, wholesale distributor for the Shell Oil Company, also owns and operates a farm and cattle ranch. He is prominently known as a sportsman and hunter and served twice as president of the Florida State Fox Hunters' Association. He succeeds Lester Varn as Second District commissioner.

There are probably very few animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world as the earthworm. Ten tons of soil passes through the body of each every year.



Don Conklin, of Canada, caught this beautiful stringer of bass along with \$250 in cash when he competed in the \$50,000 Lake Apopka Fish Rodeo recently. One of the bass had a \$200 tag and a 10½-pounder copped the \$50 prize for being the best fish of the month. Conklin's string of fish tipped the scales at 43 pounds.



Sportsmen may sneer at the gar as a food fish, but not the Glades dwelling Seminoles. Above a Seminole family gathers a bag of garfish seined out of a Hendry County stream during a fish salvage operation. Wildlife officers destroyed tons of the predators while rescuing game fish in the area.

Ducks see entirely different objects with each eye. Their binocular vision is limited to a narrow band ahead, upward and backward.

The largest bird found commonly along our southern coasts is the Brown Pelican. It is four or more feet in length and has a bill a foot long.



H. J. (Brother) McGill, left, and Wildlife Officer James P. Johnson, of Ochopee, exhibit three wildcats they killed in Collier County. The two men have accounted for 60 cats along county highways in a three-month period.

You Can't Count Your Fishin' Fortune

ACCORDIN' to the newspapers, fresh water fishin' supplied Florida with a 56 million dollar income last year. The experts say that's the round figure that the boys and girls spent for fishin' gadgets, boats, bait, sleepin' rooms, and victuals while they were catchin' their rightful share of Florida bass, bream and perch.

Fifty-six million bucks sounded like an awful lot of dough to me until I got to figurin' that fishin' has a lot of other values that even the smart fellers can't account for. Take me for instance the times when things get my goat so bad that I hafta take off on a solitary fishin' trip just to ease my worries.

Last week for instance, my boy's report card from school showed that he wasn't doin' very good in 'rithmetic. I read a newspaper and it was full of discouragin' stories about maybe there'd be a third World war. Another writer predicted that the whole darn world would burn up if we got to usin' some of the new fangled atom bombs that the scientists are foolin' around with. Then I got to worryin' about my note that's comin' due at the First National next month—where in the devil was the money comin' from, I asked myself.

That's just one of the times that I started walkin' down to the river where I've got my 12-foot rowboat tied up to a stump. For most folks, that boat wouldn't be worth a nickle—but she's been my staunchest friend for many a year and I'm prouder of her than England is of the Queen Elizabeth. For a year now the old boat has takin' to leakin' in a seam or two but I dip her out with my rusty bakin' powder can and then, lazy like, I paddle close to shore on the other side of the river and toss my cement block anchor overboard.

I bait my hook, fill up my pipe and settle down to watchin' the red and white bobber easin' up and down in the shimmerin' water. The birds are singin' pretty songs all along the river bank and a couple of sassy squirrels are chatterin' in a big oak tree. Shucks, I tell myself, the men at the head of the big countries will settle their argument peaceful

like—they're too smart to start another World war anyway . . . and my boy's bad marks in 'rithmetic ain't too serious. Maybe he'll grow up to be the world's greatest shotgun marksman or even a writin' feller on a newspaper and won't have any earthly need for 'rithmetic. Two or three times I kinda nod off to sleep . . . then I drift off into thinkin' how lucky I am with so many good friends—the kind that a feller can count on when a shoe starts pinchin' pretty bad. Shucks, I'll be able to handle the note at the bank on the first of the month just like I always have. Then I offer up silent thanks that the Witherspoons are gettin' along so good . . . I've got a regular job—we've got a solid roof over our heads and Ma Witherspoon is cookin' three mighty good meals every day.

All of a sudden I discover that the sun is sinkin' pretty fast in the west and it's high time for me to get on back home. I wind in my line, pull up the old cement block and start paddlin' back to shore.

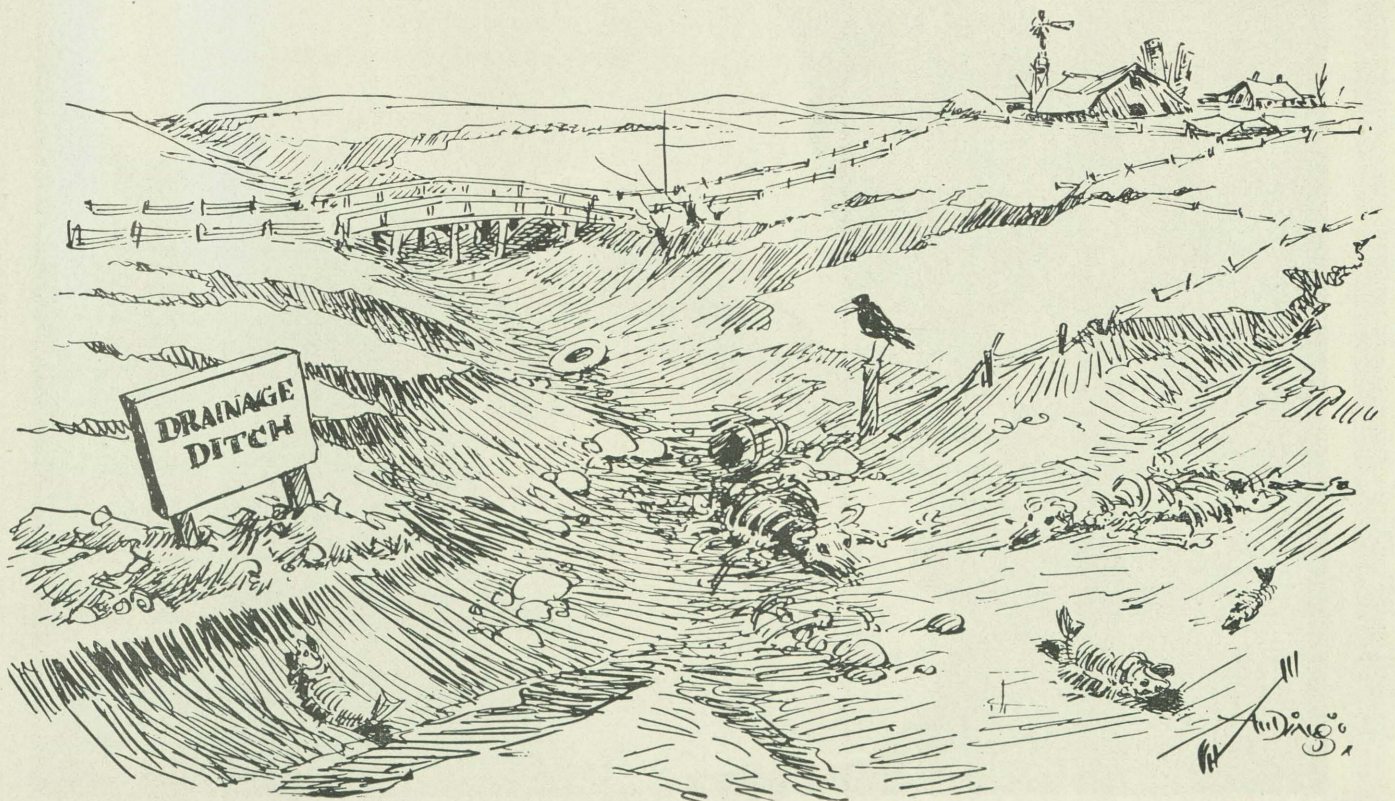
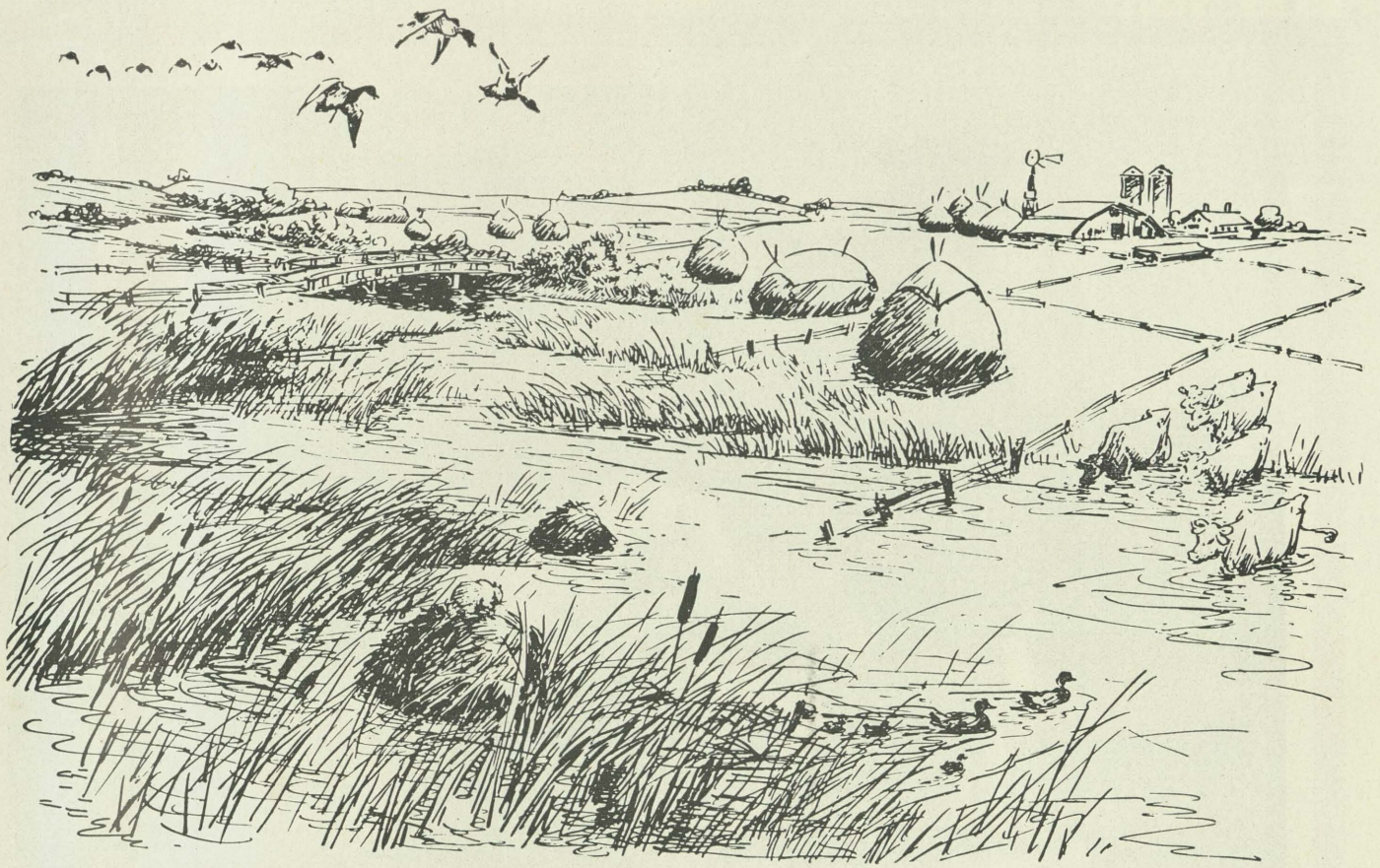
I tie my boat to the stump and look at my watch. Gosh almighty! I've been out on the river five hours and ain't even caught the first fish—but some how or other, my troubles have all disappeared. My mind is peaceful like and I'm just hungrier than a houn' dawg.

Folks, it's true—I didn't catch one dog-gone fish but my peace of mind is worth a lot more than 56 million dollars to me. So, I reckon there's plenty of other folks that's cashin' in on this same system every day in Florida.

The value of wipin' worry out of your mind is something that can't be put into the First National Bank and the smart experts can't use it for figgerin' out exactly how much fresh water fishin' is worth.

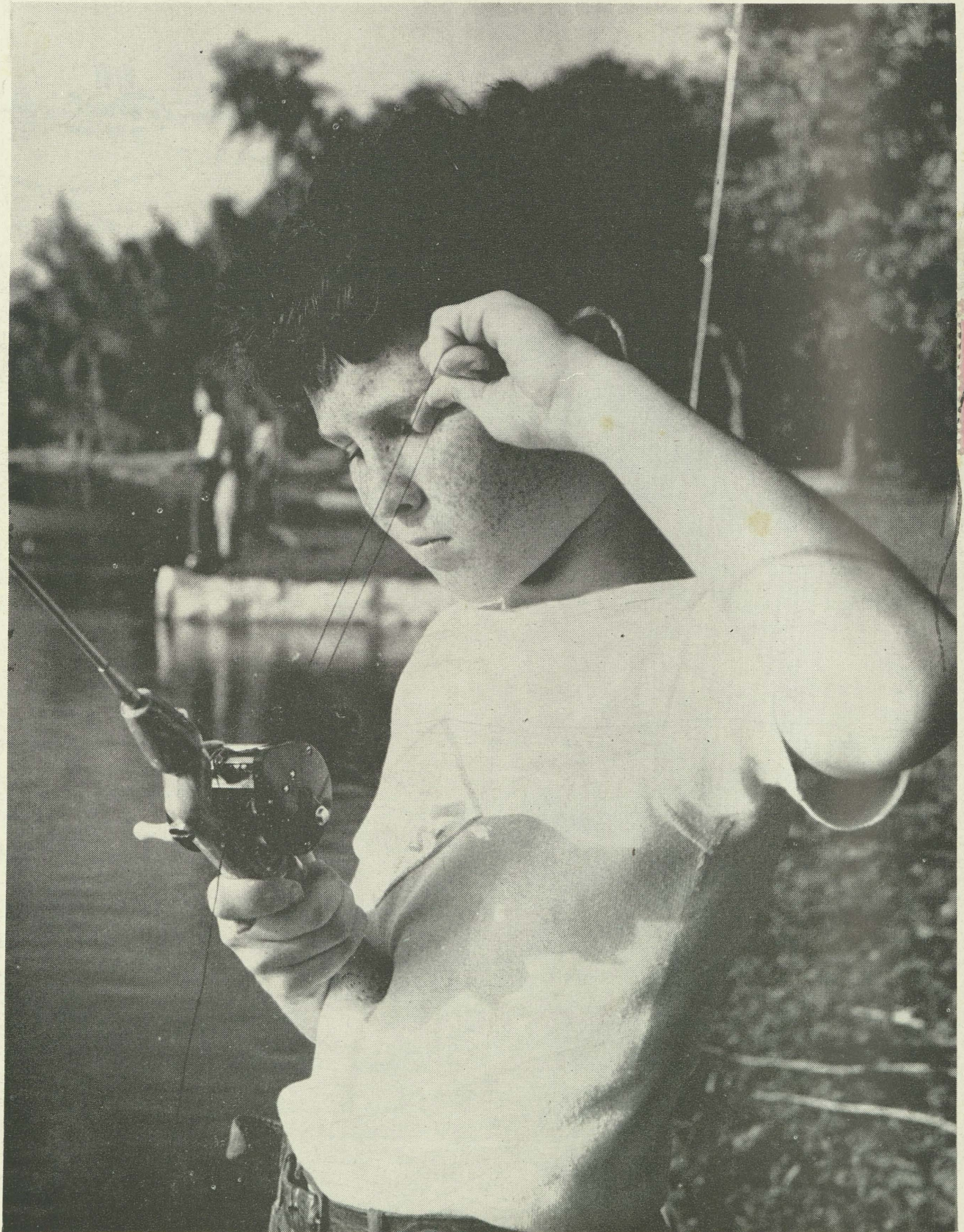
Fishin' in Florida last year, accordin' to my newspaper, was worth 56 million dollars. Shucks, that figger ain't even a drop in the bucket accordin' to the Witherspoon way of thinkin'.

Red Witherspoon



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